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## AMID CW CAP BREACH, REGULATORS SAY:

# 'Over 200 employees expected to leave casino'

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The executive director of the regulatory body overseeing day-to-day operations of the Saipan casino says the casino is "hurting" with the ongoing contract worker crisis amid a breached cap on workers this fiscal year that is expected to shepherd out some 1,300 foreign workers from the Commonwealth by October. **See CASINO on Page 4**

## Manglona wants all biz to pay prevailing wage rates

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Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) has authored a bill to require all employers to pay CNMI prevailing wages to all employees, as well as to mandate government contractors to pay prevailing



Manglona

wages for public work projects, among others.

Senate Bill 19-104 mandates that every employer pay prevailing wages according to the 2014 CNMI Prevailing Wage and Workforce Assessment study and any update to

the study after October 2016.

It gives the Department of Labor secretary the power to establish prevailing wage schedules in the CNMI pursuant to the 2014 study or updates thereafter and that if a wage rate cannot be applied in existing positions, to hold public hearings to determine the wage rate.

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## Legislature honors Arago for community service

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The CNMI House of Representatives recognized the various contributions of Glicerio "Eli" Del Mundo Arago and also congratulated him for his appointment as the Philippines' honorary consul to the CNMI.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) introduced House Resolution 19-15, which was given to Arago yesterday before the start of a House special session that was attended by 19 House members.

Propst said that Arago, "Eli" to his friends and colleagues, has been living and working on Saipan for the

past 30 years where he has made a significant contribution to the community—whether in business or in various events.

"Arago's admirable community service, unrelenting support, and untiring assistance to his [countrymen] together with his professional achievements in the CNMI earned

him, in 2000, the prestigious Bagong Bayani (New Hero) award.

Former Philippine president Joseph Estrada personally handed the award to Arago. The Bagong Bayani Foundation Inc. gives out the award in cooperation with the Department of Labor and Employment, Philip-

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Glicerio "Eli" Arago, center, receives a House Resolution commending his contribution to the community and at the same time congratulating him for his appointment as the Philippines' honorary consul to the CNMI. The ceremony was held yesterday before the start of the special session at the House of Representatives.

JON PEREZ

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# Local

## Probable cause found to charge defendant in Sun Palace Hotel poker room burglary

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday found probable cause to charge Dwight Lee D. Aldan over the stealing of \$5,231 from a poker machine at Sun Palace Hotel's poker room in Susupe.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of theft and criminal mischief were committed and that the 41-year-old Aldan may have committed the offenses.

Camacho ordered Aldan to answer the charges and set the arraignment for July 18 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub called to the witness stand police detective Jeffrey Norita who narrated to

the court about their investigation that led to Aldan's arrest.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts appeared as court-appointed counsel for the defendant.

After the hearing, Aldan was remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Police arrested Aldan last July 5 after the court issued a warrant for his arrest over the poker machine break-in and theft at Sun Palace Hotel's poker room.

Police Detective Norita stated in his report that last June 25 at 4:55pm, the Department of Public Safety Central sent a police officer to Sun Palace Hotel in Susupe, where \$5,231 was stolen from one

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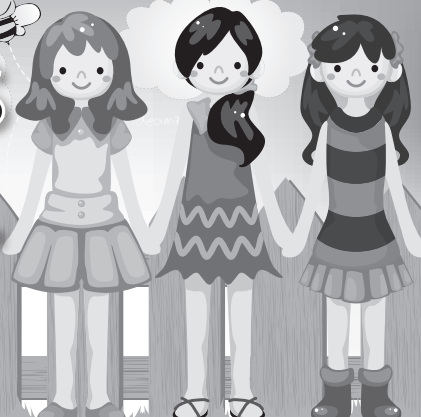
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# Mobil Oil found negligent, \$1.3M in damages awarded to security guard

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A Superior Court jury yesterday reached a verdict finding Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. liable to pay \$1.3 million in damages for negligence to a security guard who sued the company after he was injured when he fell into a ditch on Mobil Oil's premises in Lower Base, Saipan.

The nine jurors awarded plaintiff Herman Indalecio \$681,000 in economic damages and \$600,000 in non-economic damages, or for a total of \$1,281,000.

The jurors found that Mobil Oil did permit Indalecio to use the area of the premises where he was injured.

The jurors also found that Mobil oil was negligent and that its negligence was a factual cause of Indalecio's harm. The jurors did not find Indalecio negligent.

Asked for comment about the verdict, attorney Victorino DLG Torres, counsel for Indalecio, said he is thankful to the jurors and attorney Matthew Holley, who assisted him in the trial.

"The verdict shows that the people of the Commonwealth values safety and that people's lives do matter," Torres said.

Torres said the verdict also shows that the people of the Commonwealth will hold companies that breached that safety, responsible for the injuries they would cause.

Saipan attorney Thomas E. Clifford, counsel for Mobil Oil, refused to comment. Guam attorney Richard L. Johnson is Clifford's co-counsel in the case.

The jurors began deliberating on Wednesday afternoon. They resumed deliberations yesterday and reached a verdict at about 11am.

The trial began last June 28. Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja presided over the trial.

In his lawsuit, Indalecio asked the court to hold Mobil Oil liable to pay him damages for medical care and expenses, for pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and diminished quality of life.

In the complaint, Torres said Indalecio fell into a ditch at Mobil Oil's premises located in Lower Base on Dec. 23, 2013.

Torres said Mobil knew or by exercise of reasonable care should have discovered the dangerous condition regarding the ditch, and should have realized that it creates an unreasonable risk of harm to others such as Indalecio.

Torres said Mobil failed to maintain the premises in a safe and prudent manner by not putting a fence or a barricade where the ditch was located; not properly ensuring that its premises are safe to walk in; and not providing adequate warning signs to caution individuals of the dangerous condition.

Mobil Oil counsel Clif-

ford in the opening statements pointed out that Mobil's terminal in Lower Base is a highly regulated place by various federal and local agencies.

Clifford said the evidence will show that Indalecio got hurt because he did not take his duty as a security guard responsibly by not following the designated route patrol on the premises.

Clifford said Indalecio was not faking his injuries, but was exaggerating.

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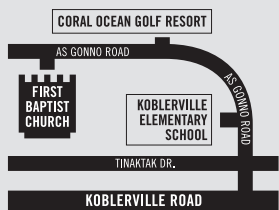
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# Bill allowing HS students enrolled at NMC to avail of local scholarship

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The House of Representatives passed a bill yesterday to allow the CNMI Scholarship Office to provide financial assistance to eligible high school students with dual or early enrollment at a postsecondary institution.

Senate Bill 19-81, SS1 also allows financial assistance extended to those already in the workforce aspiring for higher education.

The bill, authored by Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), is intended to allow CNMI high school students and fulltime employees seeking part-time school enrollment to receive scholarship awards to pay for college, tuition, books, and expenses.

The House, in passing the bill, approved a floor amendment dealing with "residency" requirements.

It was amended so that "person(s) under the age of 18 may also be deemed 'residents' if all other criteria is met other than being a registered voter."

The bill was earlier written to allow use of a parent's voter registration informa-

tion to satisfy voter registration requirements for persons who cannot register to vote because they are below the age of 18.

The bill allows financial assistance to be extended to employees in the CNMI who enroll, part-time or full-time, at the Northern Marianas College.

Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan) disagrees with this provision, saying that the Scholarship Board already has this as regulation and the lawmakers should not take

away their "flexibility" by turning regulations into law.

"We tie their hands making changes to their own regulations that they see fit. Times change, so needs may change," he said.

He stressed the scholarship board know what they are doing and dealing with hundreds of recipients.

"With the legislation we are going to only limit employees within the Commonwealth to receive the scholarship program but it didn't say anything about

taking care of the full time students first. Let's say they do take care of the full time students and then they run out of money? What do you tell the part time students? It doesn't say anything about who goes first, part time or full time."

He said he understand that that bill gives them power to set this by regulation

He said in the near future if the CNMI needs more professional positions or technical positions would they have to go back to the

law and change the it? He stressed keeping the scholarship board "flexible."

"We gave them the authority to become an agency outside the governor's office... in the 18th Legislature and gave them more strength to stand a lone and here we go

to commemorate regulations by law, I don't understand."

Attao added he understood the bill author's concerns and respects the legislation, but said there are certain things that lawmakers should leave alone so it could be taken cared of by regulation.

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It tasks the Labor secretary to update the CNMI prevailing wage schedule at least once every year.

The bill also tasks the secretary to determine prevailing wage rates for employees contract by public works projects, among others.

"The CNMI governor has publicly declared his support to increase the CNMI minimum wage to \$7.25 ahead of the schedule set by federal law. Currently, the CNMI minimum wage is \$6.05 but is set to increase to \$6.55 in September 2016. Increasing the CNMI minimum wage

is consistent with imposing prevailing wages for all employers to pay their employees," the bill states.

The bill also notes a June 16 joint resolution from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the NMI Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management where they urged the CNMI government to "by statutory or regulatory change require all businesses to follow the established prevailing wages for all positions, including for all CW-1 and H-category visas."

The bill also details fines for violations of the bill's provisions at no less than \$100 and not more than \$500.

## UFO family, appreciation day this Sunday

The United Filipino Organization is inviting all of its members and the public, including all sponsors that supported their various projects, for Sunday's Family Fun Day to be held from 11am to 10pm at the Filcom Pavilion in Supe.

UFO president Bong Malasarte said the Family Fun Day is their simple way of thanking all the hard work done by all volunteers and member organizations, and the support given by gener-

ous donors to the different events they hold every year.

"It is our way of appreciating everyone and thank all sponsors of the UFO on this simple gathering," said Malasarte.

"Also to foster camaraderie among different groups and individuals who shared their talents and skills unconditionally to make every UFO event and project successful," added Malasarte

The Paskong Pinoy, Miss Teen Pusong Pinoy, Super

Sea Reyna Queen of the Pacific, and Pistang Pinoy are some of the events held while organizing several beach cleanup drives.

A short program, fun and games, music, raffle draws, and other entertainment are on the line up for the whole day event. Native Filipino dishes will also be available for all to feast on.

For more information, call Malasarte at 287-5525, vice president Bok Enano at 287-9756, secretary Peter Reyes at 989-7317, and treasurer Evelyn Deazeta at 9893845. (Jon Perez)



Malasarte

## CASINO

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Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward C. Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that for July, the Best Sunshine International, Ltd. casino has over 130 affected employees who've had to leave the Commonwealth. June saw around 90 employees leave the casino.

"But that's just what we've licensed," he added in an interview, saying that exact number would have to be checked with BSI.

Casino executives have never bothered to respond to multiple emails forward to them through a casino lawyer on the extent of the impact of the breached cap.

They've been asked for the numbers of affected employees due to the breached cap and how many would leave in the months up to end of the fiscal year.

The casino has also been asked if they remain committed to these employees as an employer and if they will file petitions for the affected for employment under next year's cap, among other questions.

"Some of [the casino employees] we license, some of them we do not license who were affected. We're trying to balance this gaming and non-gaming issue," Deleon

Guerrero said.

Asked how the casino is responding to the issue, the executive director said they are trying to hire U.S. or local workers and added that he's heard they are "trying to move up the training" schedules for local workers for casino operations.

If push comes to shove, the casino is expected to focus energy on its VIP operations, where a bulk of its revenue is earned through its casino in the T Galleria Mall.

During a meeting with the lawmakers of the House committee on commerce and tourism on Tuesday, regulators and House members discussed the potential of levying a gaming tax on the Saipan casino.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) has recently introduced House Bill 19-168, which would levy a 10-percent casino gaming revenue for the payment of the government's outstanding land compensation claims, among others.

During discussion, Deleon Guerrero noted that—inclusive of the \$3-million regulatory fee, \$15 million exclusive license fee, and \$20 million community chest fund combined with a reported \$27 million in revenue tax—the casino will be paying about \$71 million a year.

He said if lawmakers assess additional taxes, one of these fees, like the chest fund, "would have to go way."

He said if lawmakers decide—despite these various payments—to squeeze more from the casino that the timing may not be appropriate, going on to note that the casino still

operates out from a shopping mall.

He said if there are additional taxes to be imposed on the casino the government should at least wait for one year after Grand Mariana [Casino

Resort] is open and is fully functional "so we have a better idea of what type of revenue is generated as a base."

He said to try to hastily put together a 10-percent tax might not be prudent at this time.

"...I know right off the bat that if they were to renegotiate and pay those, they would probably have to forgo the \$20-million community chest fund in lieu of the gaming tax. That is my personal observation," Deleon Guerrero later said in discussion. "To attempt to add additional fees, whether through regulatory fee or taxes or any other form of assessing cost of doing business, might be detrimental to the industry considering it's just about to open it's hotel."

Rep. Edwin K. Propst



Deleon Guerrero

## ARAGO

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pine Overseas Employment Agency, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Association.

Arago has also been active in various socio-civic organizations like the Saipan Filipino-Americans Lions Clubs, which is involved in different community projects. He was named an Outstanding Lion in 1993.

He was appointed by the Department of Foreign Affairs as the Philippines' honorary consul to the CNMI last year, allowing him to further help his countrymen in their hour of need. The U.S. State Department also approved his accreditation.

"I am very honored to receive this resolution. Rest assured that I am going to work harder to become a responsible member of the community," said Arago, who came from humble beginnings in the

town of Mabini in Batangas province in the Philippines.

He grew up in a barrio where he helped his parents, Anacleto Asilo Arago and Leodegaria Dalangin Del Mundo, in various farm chores.

After finishing his primary and secondary education in his hometown, Arago studied at the University of the East in Manila where he graduated Cum Laude in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in Accounting.

He worked as an accounting clerk while reviewing for the Certified Public Accountant exam and in 1975 passed the board exam given by the Professional Regulation Commission of the Philippines. He arrived on Saipan in 1986 to join Tan Holdings as an internal auditor and stayed with the same company where he was promoted to various positions. Arago is now senior vice president of Tan Holdings.

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poker machine.

Norita said the responding police officer learned that the theft was discovered after a hotel guest approached a front desk staff and informed her that one of the poker machines in the game room did not accept his money.

The front desk observed that wires were exposed from the front panel of the machine. The employee also noticed that the panel was slightly

opened and bills were missing.

Norita said surveillance camera's footage led to the identification and subsequent arrest of Aldan.

Aldan is also the suspect in the Martha Store's game room theft incident last June 28. The government charged him so far only in connection with the Sun Palace incident.

In the Martha Store's poker room case, the suspect was able to run away with \$30 in coins last June 28. The suspect caused damage worth \$500 to one machine. (Ferdie de la Torre)



## So far, 1 has filed his candidacy for November polls

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Former lawmaker Antonio Muna Camacho is the first and so far the only person to file his candidacy for the Nov. 9, 2016, general elections since the Commonwealth Election Commission started accepting submission of nominating petitions and candidacy last Monday.

CEC acting executive director Julita Villagomez disclosed yesterday that Camacho filed his candidacy as an independent for a House of Representatives Precinct 5 seat.

Camacho used to serve as a House representative.

Villagomez said the deadline to file nominations and candidacy is Aug. 10.

She said CEC commissioners have to meet to certify the candidates.

Asked why only one so far who filed candidacy, Villagomez said most of the candidates usually wait for the closing date because they are working in the government.

Villagomez said candidates have to take a leave from government work as soon as CEC certifies them.

Another reason, the acting CEC executive director said, is that a political party will usually gather first their people and file its candidates at one time.

Villagomez also reminded the people that they are still conducting registration of voters and that the last day is Sept. 9.

CEC started registering voters right after the Nov. 15, 2015 elections.

Villagomez said they will start receiving request for absentee ballots on Aug. 25 for those people who will be off-island during the elections.

She said Oct. 10, 2016, is the last day to request for absentee ballots.

There are 35 seats up for grabs in the coming Nov. 8 general elections.

Villagomez said it used to be called mid-term elections, but CEC now calls it general elections.

The top seat for the November elections is the U.S. Delegate for the U.S. House of Representatives, a position that has been held by Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) since he was first elected in 2008.



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# Company claims employee embezzled \$6.2M in profits

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REPORTER

A China-based corporation claims that a Chinese businessman, who alleged that he was detained in China for 22 months caused by political influence exerted by his former business partners on Saipan, was only its employee and was indeed indicted in China for embezzling \$6.2 million in corporate profits earned from his management of a company on Saipan.

Jilin International Economic and Technical Corp., through counsel Samuel Mok, disclosed that in March 2014, the Jilin Province Dehui People's Procuratorate issued a decision not to pursue the criminal prosecution

of Wanzhong Yu in light of his purported transfer of his shares in the Saipan-based Universal Group Development to Jilin International.

Mok said this is because, among other reasons, of the fact that Yu had agreed to cooperate in transferring shares and returning corporate assets.

Mok said that last May 6, Jilin International requested reinstatement of the criminal prosecution against Yu for embezzlement from the People's court of Chang Chun City in light of his reneging on his promised cooperation and the numerous misrepresentations made in his cross-claims and during his default judgment hearing testimony.

Mok made such disclosure

about Yu in Jilin International's lawsuit against Yu filed on Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Last March, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona

issued a default judgment in favor of Yu and against businessmen Mingnan Jin and Jinwei Guo in connection with a separate but related lawsuit. Yu was awarded \$125,699.60 in damages.

In the new lawsuit, Jilin International is suing Yu for declaratory and injunctive relief, embezzlement, con-

version and constructive trust, and breach of fiduciary duty.

In Jilin International's lawsuit, Mok asked the court to issue a declaration that Yu is not a legitimate shareholder, director or officer of Universal Group Development.

Mok requested the court to declare that Jilin International is the true owner and corporate parent of Universal Group Development.

Mok asked the court to preliminarily and permanently enjoined Yu from taking any actions as the purported shareholder, director or officer of Universal Group, including accessing \$225,000 currently deposited into the federal court's trust account representing the contents of a business savings held by Universal Group.

Mok requested the court to impose a constructive trust on the corporate property and

assets of Universal Group in favor of Jilin International.

Mok asked the court to hold Yu liable to pay damages to Jilin International.

In Jilin International's emergency motion also filed on Wednesday, Mok asked the court to issue a temporary restraining order to stop Yu from taking any action on behalf of Universal Group as its purported shareholder, director and officer, including the withdrawal of funds from this court.

According to Mok, Jilin International was originally a state-owned corporation that was authorized by the Chinese State Trading Department from 1986 to 1995 to establish and operate businesses on Saipan.

Mok said Jilin International operates subsidiaries all throughout Asia in a wide variety of industries.

Specifically, Mok said, Jilin International was the parent company and owner of three subsidiary companies established on Saipan called JCC, J&S, and Universal Group Development.

Mok said in order to comply with Saipan law regarding establishment of corporations and to ensure the Saipan companies would be approved by the CNMI government, Jilin International decided to assign shares to certain employees of Jilin International.

Mok said these employees were nominal shareholders in that they did not pay for their shares and were only listed as shareholders on paper.

In 2003, Mok said, Yu submitted a proposal to Jilin International seeking to make Universal Group an independent private company.

He said that in 2004, Yu purchased three new vehicles on behalf of Universal Group and registered them in his own name.

The lawyer said that in 2005, Jilin International held a corporate meeting wherein the decision was made to restructure the company by converting Jilin International from a state-owned corporation to a private enterprise.

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## COMPANY

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In the same meeting, Mok said, Yu's prior submitted proposal to make Universal Group an independent private company was rejected by Jilin International Board of Directors.

During this same meeting, Mok said, Jilin International approved and accepted the bid of Gaoweida Investment Co. Ltd., as the initial private investor of Jilin International through its legal representative, Mr. Guo Jinwei.

Mok said Jinwei Guo paid \$20 million toward

his purchase of Jilin International from the Chinese government.

Mok said that in a related case before the federal court, Yu had falsely claimed under penalties of perjury that he had paid for his share and that he had been coerced into transferring his shares and resigning from Universal Group after being tortured and imprisoned.

Mok said Yu could not have been forced to give up his shares because he never owned them in the first place as he was just an employee of Universal Group assigned to Saipan by Jilin International to act as a "manager"

of Jilin's operations until his pre-November 2013 removal/retirement.

Mok said that in March 2007, Jilin International appointed Jinwei Guo as its chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mok said Yu submitted his signed resignation from Jilin International in September 2007.

In his letter, Yu states he is applying for retirement because of his age and poor health so he could "retire and enjoy my old age of life."

Mok said that despite retiring, Yu came back to Saipan in October of 2007 and held a meeting of the three Saipan

companies including Universal Group wherein he told the gathered employees that he strongly disagreed with Jilin International's decision to remove him as the Saipan branch manager.

Mok said despite tendering his resignation as president of Universal Group, which was subsequently accepted by Jilin International, Yu continued to act as president of Universal Group against the wishes of Jilin International's shareholders and directors who were mostly situated in China.

Mok said that on May 20, 2012, an arrest warrant was issued by the Jilin Province

Police Department for Yu on the charge of "official embezzlement."

Yu was detained pursuant to the arrest warrant while he was traveling in China.

Mok said that in 2013, an indictment was issued against Yu by the Jilin Province People's Procuratorate.

Mok said that in 2014, the Dehui People's Court issued a statement that Yu had told the court that he did not "intend" to encroach upon Jilin International's assets and that he was willing to cooperate in returning corporate assets belonging to Jilin International.

Mok said based on this new development, the Dehui People's Court indicated it was contemplating withdrawing the criminal case against Yu.

Mok said that in November 2013, Yu executed an affidavit wherein he transferred the 440,000 shares in the Saipan companies (JCC, J&S, and Universal Group Development) to Jilin International chairman and primary shareholder Jinwei Guo.

Mok said Yu reneged on his promise of cooperating by writing a letter to the Oleai Branch of the First Hawaiian Bank requesting that the business savings account belonging to Jilin International through Universal Group be "frozen" so that no one else other than himself could access the monies.

Mok said the subject bank account containing

\$224,558.71 was subsequently frozen by the bank based solely on Yu's letter.

In the separate lawsuit, Universal Group, through counsel Mok, sued Yu for conversion and First Hawaiian Bank for breach of contract.

Universal Group alleged that Yu and the bank have blocked the company from gaining access to its \$225,000 of its own funds from a business savings account.

Yu, through counsel Mark Scoggins, then filed a cross-claim, alleging he was wrongfully detained in China for 22 months caused by political influence exerted by his former business partners. Yu named Jin and Guo as defendants in his cross-claim.

According to court records, following his near-total victory in the lawsuit, Yu went about reasserting his control over Universal Group. He passed a resolution affirming his status as a director in May 2016 and the directors passed a resolution affirming Yu as president at the same time.

In his role as president, Yu fired Mok on Universal Group's behalf on April 21, 2016. Attorney Tiberius Mocanu and the law firm of Stephen J. Nutting are now counsel for Yu and Universal Group.

Mok questioned his termination as counsel for Universal Group.

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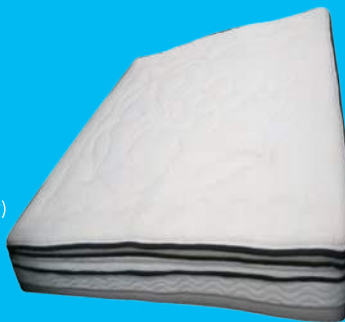
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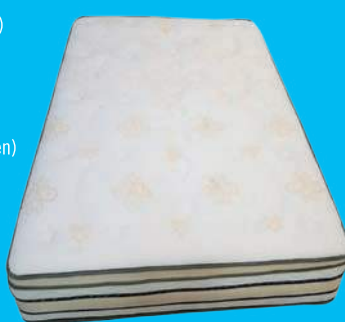
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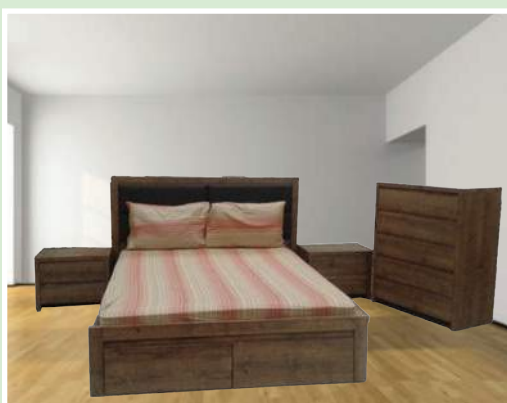
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Joseph N. Camacho

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Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Regina DLG. Cushnie, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. P. 15.

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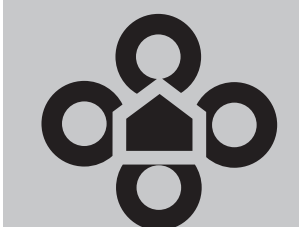
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The Northern Marianas Trades Institute is celebrating its 8th year of offering trades courses in the CNMI. NMTI was chartered as a non-profit organization on April 7, 2008, but began its first class on July 15, 2008, to 45 enthusiastic trainees. The institute's first class that year was in the area of construction safety. The school has made significant strides since then as they now offer a diversified construction curriculum backed by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) through its sponsorship from the Guam Contractors Association.

The school was the "brain-child" of the late entrepreneur Anthony Pellegrino who not only organized its chartering as a legal nonprofit entity, but also drove its overall expansion. Pellegrino was a visionary who believed that under the right circumstances

and with the right tools our residents can become skilled workers themselves. Pellegrino looked for ways to garner community support for the school in both public and private arenas and believed that one day the school would be a sustainable endeavor.

The school has endured much over the years as on many occasions Pellegrino would finance much of the operations to keep the educational entity afloat. At one point, the school considered closing its doors all together, but somehow managed to find individuals willing to carry the work forward. Under the leadership of former Northern Marianas College president, Agnes McPhetres, the school has grown to include larger training facilities, more course offerings, and a faculty pool poised for further expansion.

The school has branched

out beyond teaching specifically to the construction trades as they now offer certificates in hotel and restaurant operations, automotive technology, and culinary arts. The hotel and restaurant program is backed by the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI) as it uses the curriculum prescribed by the internationally acclaimed hospitality organization. NMTI is listed in the AHLEI website as a North American educational institution along with schools like Guam Community College (GCC) and Kapiolani Community College (KCC). The school touts a strong curriculum backed by organizations such as the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI), the Workforce Investment Agency (WIA), and various other small businesses.

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has taken our school to a whole new level, according to Ross Manglona, director of Continuing Education & Workforce Development. Manglona further stated, "The Hyatt is our biggest catalyst as they have not only helped in the overall creation of the culinary and hospitality side of the programs we offer, but they have actively engaged the process by offering their professional staff as instructors; for this we are truly grateful."

Agnes McPhetres, chief executive officer said, "As we continue to strive for growth, we see the continued need to partner with the private sector as students need the hands on experience in order to be successful at their career endeavors." Currently, NMTI has its eyes set on another expanded program in the area of heavy equipment operations as part of its construction trades pro-

gram. The institute sees this field of study as a major demand due to the hotel expansion efforts going on presently in the CNMI.

Victorino Cepeda, director of External Relations, has been with NMTI since its very inception and can lay witness to the growth currently being seen. Cepeda said, "I know my dear friend Tony would be proud of where we are today. The growth at the school is astonishing as we continue to see new faces and our aggressive stance are backed by our overall concern for our community. Only we residents can steer our islands on the right course and I feel our team here at NMTI is equipped to do just that. We are grateful to those who have supported us and thank them for their continued patronage as we chart a new course in the area of vocational education." (PR)

## NMTI equipped with new alarm system



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Reps. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), right, and Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan) have donated a state-of-the-art alarm system to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute if you recall back on Feb. 21, 2016, was burglarized. The act marks the second time that the school was victimized since its inception. The burglars walked away with items totaling a little over \$4,000 in value.

This horrible incident left many in our community outraged as burglars these days seem to prey on schools in particular. As a result of this occurrence, Reps. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) and Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan) joined forces and invested their own office resources toward helping NMTI prevent future break-ins.

Their efforts have now equipped NMTI with a state-of-the-art alarm system installed by Marianas Security that should improve the response time on the part of authorities.

Propst said, "I am inspired by NMTI's commitment in training our local workforce in the trades industry. Rep. Vinnie Sablan, myself, and our colleagues are most grateful to the management, staff, and instructors at NMTI for the services they provide. The alarm system is a necessity in safeguarding the CNMI's investment and to hopefully prevent future burglaries."

The alarm system includes motion sensors capable of detecting which part of the campus intruders accessed with a direct link to the security company. With the new system, Marianas Security can then immediately respond to the disturbance. The new alarm system is designed to serve as deterrence as the noise alarm triggers the attention of nearby offices and people just passing by the compound. Agnes McPhetres, NMTI chief executive officer, said, "These members of the Legislature came to our aid at a pivotal moment. The school just cannot afford to continue having setbacks due to loss of resources in its growth efforts. As many in our community may be unaware, the cost of running vocational courses is exponentially greater than the traditional classroom setting, thus losses due to burglary are somewhat demoralizing. We thank them for their continued support as we continue to educate our residents in the trades." (PR)



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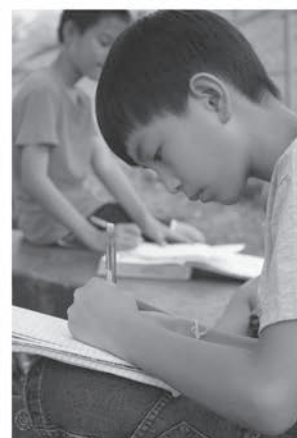
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# Saipan's resiliency highlights Soudelor commemoration



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Southern Baptist volunteers help repair one of the houses in Kagman that was damaged last year by Typhoon Soudelor.

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Next month's commemoration of Typhoon Soudelor's devastation on Saipan will highlight the community's resiliency and unified stance to recover from one of the worst disasters that hit the island. Soudelor made landfall on Saipan in the early morning of Aug. 2.

The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts has formed a planning team tasked to prepare the activities and events of the commemoration. The planning team met last week to further discuss the community events.

CARE director Jenny Hegland said part of the plan is holding a SOU' Fest, a community festival, also centered on the helping hand extended by various groups to families and individuals that were gravely affected.

"We're still working on more details. We're going to announce more details soon. The planning team [held a meeting] to confirm some of the details of the events [set] for the first week of August," added Hegland.

A proclamation signing by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres will start things off in the week-long anniversary commemoration. The signing will be on Aug. 1, Monday, at 9am at the Governor's Office conference room on Capital Hill.

A SOU' Rise sunrise vigil will be held from 5am to 6am the following day, Tuesday, at the Capital Hill ballfield that is adjacent to the Governor's Office. Faith-based groups, first responders, and other community members are invited to join.

Members of the Matua Riders will also do their share with a SOU' Ride to Recovery in the morning of Aug. 6. The SOU' Fest community celebration is from 6pm to 11pm, also on Saturday, will cap off the weeklong anniversary

commemoration.

Food, fun and games, live entertainment, vendors, disaster preparedness information campaign, giveaways, and a Karaoke Showdown contest are the events in the SOU' Fest, set at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Representatives from the Crisis Counseling Program-Community Guidance Center, Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service, United 4 Saipan, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, Governor's Office, Marianas Young Professionals, Northern Marianas Humanities Council, CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Best Sunshine-CSR, Greenstay-Skywalker Holdings, and Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation are some of the members of the planning team.

Hegland is also thankful for all individuals, known and unknown, who helped them the past few months and the Saipan Mayor's Office. "The [SMO] is a valued member of our CARE partner network and an incredible asset in our community."

"Their team has removed thousands of cubic yards of dangerous debris from our villages, and CARE volunteers were privileged to have their support in the [more than] 40 volunteer debris cleanup events we led over the past eight months," said Hegland.

Hegland is also thankful for Southern Baptist volunteers who arrived to help families in rebuilding homes that were totally destroyed by Soudelor. "We are grateful for the volunteer team from Southern Baptists who are here completing home repairs for CARE clients."

"Thank you also to the Kagman Community Church for housing and supporting the team. Here's to making repair progress for families in Kagman this week," she added.



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Southern Baptist volunteers are on Saipan to help in the rebuilding of homes damaged last year by Typhoon Soudelor.

## Another \$1000 instant lottery Winner!



Pictured is NMSA Lottery Manager, Anicia Malek and the lucky winners Husband during the presentation.

This week another lucky player walked away with \$1000 in cash playing the NMSA instant lottery game Tropical Treasure while shopping at Kevin's Store in Chalan Kanoa. The lucky player bought three Tropical Treasure games and hit the jackpot on the very first ticket. That's the second week in a row a lucky player has won \$1000 cash at Kevin's Store! The lucky player who does not want to be identified said she will use her instant cash prize to get all the 'back to school' shopping completed. You could be the next lucky winner! The games are fun, fast and exciting and you could win up to \$5000 instantly. Get your tickets now and Good Luck!



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## EDITORIAL

### Stomping on China's sand castles

An international tribunal on Tuesday torpedoed Chinese claims of sovereignty over the vast expanse of the South China Sea. What next? Either the ruling coaxes China to negotiate a peaceful resolution with other governments in the region — or expect the U.S. Navy to sail through the disputed neighborhood more frequently.

We hope China heeds the court decision. Unfortunately, Chinese military behavior on the high seas between the Philippines and Vietnam doesn't seem reasonable or passive.

The issue concerns territorial rights at sea and guaranteed access to international waters. More than anything, though, this burgeoning conflict comes down to China's efforts to project power far from its shores: China's government, citing old maps and seafaring tradition, claimed rights to nearly the entire South China Sea. To bolster its position, the country started dredging sand around a number of rocks and shoals in the Spratly Islands chain to create a series of artificial islands, which the Chinese military used as a base of operations to bully away all other sailors and aviators.

The Philippines challenged China's activities in legal proceedings at The Hague, relying on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, ratified by both countries. The Philippines made its case, China refused to participate, and the tribunal went to work studying maps, reefs, rocks and history.

The verdict was a slam-dunk victory for the Philippines and a scorching admonition of China:

The Hague ruling at the Permanent Court of Arbitration found no basis for China's broad claims of exclusive control of the South China Sea and said its attempts to plant a flag by building islands were bogus. Only naturally habitable islands generate 12 nautical miles of territorial control and a 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone: China can't manufacture sovereign territory at sea like so many sand castles. As a result, the tribunal said, China was violating the Philippines' sovereign rights — along with damaging coral reefs and allowing Chinese fishermen to catch endangered sea turtles.

It's hard to find breathless denunciation in a U.N. document, so this statement will do: "China has inflicted irreparable harm to the marine environment, built a large artificial island in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone and destroyed evidence of the natural conditions of features in the South China Sea that formed part of the parties' dispute."

So, yes: outrageous behavior by China, not unlike Russian President Vladimir Putin's early incursion into Ukraine. China can't be allowed to unlawfully take control of international waters encompassing some of the world's busiest shipping lanes, rich fishing grounds and potentially valuable energy deposits. The question is how to respond.

Six governments — China, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam — make claims on the Spratlys, but the U.N. tribunal wasn't concerned with settling the overarching dispute. China's island-building gambit escalated tensions because it is fortifying the artificial islands (at least one has an airstrip) and stationing naval or coast guard vessels in the vicinity to scare away boats and planes that come too close. Now China knows its activities are unlawful.

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## IDES

In the old Roman calendar, the middle of the months of March, May, July, and October, 15th day, is called "Ides" from which other dates were calculated. The most famous in western literature is the Ides of March when Julius Caesar was cut down at the Roman Senate; he was getting too popular and turning into an imperial force and the consequent style of a dictator, which the democratizing senators would rather not have in their Forum.

It was in the "ides" of June that someone lifted our backpack with all electronics and cash after an aborted turnaround when Narita refused to board me on a plane to China though I was holding a boarding pass UA issued on Saipan. It appears that my permanent residency visa in China expired; I thought I could apply for a new one in Shenyang where I was headed like Chinese nationals do when they come in at the Saipan airport. It was not the case so I kept my meager resource out of spending it in Tokyo to get the visa (five days in Tokyo is not cheap) and headed back to the Marianas.

Tired, I spent the night in a San Isidro beachfront only to be divested of my belongings in the night.

Julius' Ides in Europe pushed folks into the edges. Trained to be at the "cutting edge of history, the wind blowing wildly on our faces," it drove folks to be first on anything. To lead upfront is to be in a sought-after status or position. Numero uno, o nada, is every person's slogan.

The "ides" is the middle ground, the invisible pivot point of the balancing yin-yang. In the structure of the human brain, the medulla oblongata serves the five senses; the cerebellum nurses the feelings and thread lightly on the balance before the cognition goes wildly with individual thought and societal wisdom. The ides favors the cerebellum that digs into the depth of feelings and seeks balance in profundity rather than extremes.

The loss of the bag did make me cry to salve the pain.

The culture of the Far East is not about docility but of abject surrender to the screaming need and the required task of the moment; it is wild at heart but disciplined in the mind; its art is seen in the canals and gardens of Suzhou and Hangzhou, and the rock gardens and countryside of Japan. Nippon takes its discipline to its art, while Hangul takes its art into its disciplines; the Zhongguoren (Zhong = middle, ren = people) are the people of the middle. The history of the Middle Kingdom is a way of narrating the journey of the Zhongguoren, not on the extreme, neither first, or last, but on the balance, right down the middle.

We stereotype. "Ides" is a position in the middle, and it was once a term used to describe the people of Vietnam, Mongolia, and some areas of central Asia, but primarily Japan, Korea, and China in current political terms.

We shan't quarrel with geography as boundaries have become politicized rather than as bounded by familiar geographical terrain, but we are mapping the geography of the mind, a cultural

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understanding on life as lived in the balance rather than sought and fought after in the extreme. For many of us, the balancing act is "foreign" as the striving to be ahead, to be prized and awarded for achievement and effort, the rule of human existence.

The balancing act of the yin-yang is reduced to being simply an ornamental décor to many, an esoteric symbol of the underground, but something about the Ides of June beckons me again for the necessity of balance in life, natural in the brain, but relegated to the practitioners of Taek Kwando and Jujitsu, rather than a necessity in the daily life in Saipan.

It finally does not matter. In the Ides of July, we are first to forsake the mythology extreme distress, replaced by the reality that a month later, other than the bag and my passport thrown into someone's trash bin, the rest is irretrievably gone.

To use an old metaphor of looking upward to the heavens, we let sunshine and rain fall on the good and the ungodly! That's the way life is.

Where I live, a camera caught a young boy entering one of the dwellings and counting off his loot. The police officer was aghast to discover who the young person is, newly released out of juvenile jail. The young guy is back to incarceration. Where the young man lives, the cop revealed, the use of meth is the highest on island. We do not wonder why the young man steals.

The choices we make daily are hardly abstract. Yes, we choose, but sometimes it is between good and better, or between bad and worst. Choice is the constant, not the strict division of life into two opposite camps.

The Ides is the point in the middle where one is invited to park a fundamental stance, the pivot point between the "not yet" and the "no longer." It is the radical indefinite middle that is proposed.

I take the beachfront loss as a relationship to life, the victories and defeats of the past, the mystery and defiance of its future, and the awe-full wonder of its present.

Time to take the whole shebang, shake the dust off our feet, and move on.



# Your lips, my dear, are as sweet as acesulfame potassium

**T**he notion of satisfying a sweet tooth, but without using sugar, has been the promised land of the beverage industry for at least a half century now.

Although artificial sweetener can be found in a variety of products such as cookies, where you'd expect it, and toothpaste, where you wouldn't, soda remains the most visible theater of operations. That's not exactly a trivial concept on Saipan, where health issues, some related to sugar ingestion, aren't entirely unknown.

This comes to mind because sweeteners are, once again, in the news. A July 13 BBC report asks, "Could artificial sweeteners make people more hungry?"

That's a line of inquiry, apparently. It remains a gray issue. That's because the study cited in the BBC report had performed its experiments on mice and fruit flies. Having established that something's going on with these critters, researchers will presumably start seeing if the same factor applies to humans.

I don't know what you feed your fruit flies. Me, I'm pretty careful what I dole out to mine lest the little fellers get too heavy to fly. My faith in science is restored now that I know scientists are also comparing recipes on this note.

Speaking of the white coat crew, I know many doctors and dentists who drink diet soda. If you're looking for a vote of confidence, there you go, well, at least in western circles, where practitioners are long habituated to the use of modern chemicals.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Learning from my mistakes

To the court, I want to express my sincere apologies. I was impudent, naïve, and ignorant. I caused trouble not only to myself, to my family, to the U.S. government but also to all of those who attended the sentencing hearing. I made a mistake when I made a false statement on a passport application for my daughter. I misrepresented the fact of my marriage status. I made a huge mistake and I learned a big lesson. I can assure you, I will not make the same mistake again. I have two very young kids, my son is only 4 years old, and my daughter is about 18 months old. I miss both of them very much. I pleaded guilty to this charge, but also, as a mother, I feel guilty that I am not performing my duty to care for my two kids. Thank you for imposing probation so that I am able to rejoin my family back to China as quickly as possible. Thank you.

To the public I also want to apologize for my actions. I know now that there are lawful means to address the situation I found myself in. My daughter was born on Saipan, but my husband was not able to travel here for her birth. When I applied for a passport for my daughter, I left my husband's name off the application because I thought it would be easier and faster. It turns out that there is a form from the U.S. Department of State, which is for situations like this. It is called the DS-3053 and may be used where one of a minor child's parents is not available at the time the passport is executed. I have learned from my mistake and I hope that this letter may help others avoid the same mistake.

**Yu Zou**  
Via email

### No substitute for friendship

Being the champion of this past weekend's fishing derby, the *Padre De Familia* team recognized that there is no substitute for the friendship and good interaction among our fellow fisherman and the Saipan International Fisherman Association.

With that in mind, we extend our sincere appreciation to our friends, families and our local community for the untiring support.

Equally important, I want to extend *unDangkulo na Kompaire*, Mr. Mike Fleming who taught me how to rig the winning lure.

*Padre De Familia* will be prepared and ready to meet the challenges and competition for the 2017 Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

We remain *Padre De Familia*.

**Calistro I. Reyes**  
*As Perdido*

On the other hand, an eastern-trained (traditional Chinese) doctor I sometimes have lunch with won't touch any soda of any formulation.

You're familiar with Diet Coke. Long before it hit the scene, Coke's flagship sugar-free soda was called "TaB." It was a big deal in the '60s and '70s, something of a modern miracle drink. The sweetening agent was something called "cyclamate." Cyclamate hit the headlines when lab rats fed the stuff seemed to suffer ill effects. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration banned it (cyclamate, not rats) in 1969. In much of the world it is not banned and is widely used.

After the cyclamate scare, I remember a chemical called "saccharine" becoming the big thing. It was actually a pretty old concoction, but the time was ripe for its popularity to soar. Everybody heaved a sigh of relief that they weren't drinking that cyclamate stuff. So people started sucking down the saccharine, not only in sodas, but also in coffee. It became common to serve coffee with a little bowl of saccharine pills next to a little bowl of sugar cubes.

Alas, in the 1970s, the lab rats didn't seem any keener on saccharine than they were on cyclamate. The headlines got scary again. Saccharine didn't get banned, but the controversy took its toll, and I recall that a lot of people started to have doubts about it.

So by the time the 1980s arrived the market was ready for another name to claim the limelight. And that's just what happened. A chemical called aspartame, also known by the trade name NutraSweet, became common in sodas and, presumably, in various types of food as well.

Aspartame seems to have enjoyed a largely successful career. The world of artificial sweeteners never sleeps, though, so nobody seems to remain king for very long. Last year, for

### Questions for politicians

**B**uddy Magoo and I spent time jotting down questions voters must ask political candidates seeking public office. It was kind of fun even imagining how most doughnut eating suspect policymakers would cringe or bite their eyelids when tasked to answer serious questions.

In fact, the bunch shares a commonality: nearly everyone is confused how to dispose of significant matters of state, hardly an impressive group. Things worsen with the lack of a genius poised to pull the NMI out of its deepening economic depression. Is village silence a default option? Tired of listening to "alleged" experts?

**Stagnant Income:** Employees' income has remained the same for over 20 years. In fact, some 51 percent of employees fall under federal definition of poverty income level. What have you done to help them exit the abyss of vicious family hardship? What's the idea of raising non-productive workers' salaries by milking productive employees in private industries? The latter would disappear slowly so have you another revenue-generating measure to couch your suspect plan?

**Retirement:** Efforts to improve the retirement program? I mean Sen. Sixto Igisomar ran it into deep financial ditch. Is he seeking re-election against a legacy of bankrupting the retirement program? What has he done to rebuild the bridge he destroyed that deals with the livelihood of some 3,000 retirees? Ignoring it doesn't turn bankruptcy into solvency, sir! We want answers soonest!

**Economy:** Over 3,000 of our people have evacuated elsewhere in search of greener pasture. What have you undertaken to provide meaningful jobs so they could settle working in their island paradise now turned hellish hole? In fact, more are leaving because of cheap wages in private industries. Have you seriously considered "real" over "nominal" wages?

**Healthcare:** National Republicans are set to repeal Obamacare in 2017 in spite of a Supreme Court decision saving it. Have you looked into replacement funds for Medicaid (Obamacare's Affordable Care Act) when this federally fund-

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The United States, concerned mainly with keeping international waters open for all, has sent guided missile destroyers to the Spratlys several times on freedom-of-navigation sailings to make the point that the U.S. doesn't recognize China's claims. Those runs through international waters are effective because nothing says "just moseying past, which I'm allowed to do," like a flotilla from the U.S. 7th Fleet.

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example, the BBC reported that Pepsi was dropping aspartame from its U.S. formulation of Diet Pepsi.

The new recipe employs something called sucralose mixed with something else called acesulfame potassium. I don't know if Saipan is considered the U.S. market for these purposes but if it is, well, now you know about the change.

This ever-evolving world of beverages has inspired me. I'm going to spend some time in the workshop where I keep my fruit flies and carburetor parts. I'm wondering if I could invent the next big thing.

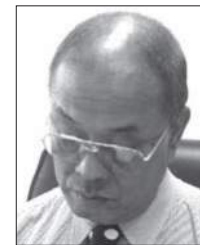
My ideal product would have zero calories, would not harm your teeth, would not be toxic, would not stain your clothes if you spilled it, would be something you could readily metabolize, would not require refrigeration, would be something that effectively relieves thirst when consumed, would be inexpensive to produce and bottle, and would blend readily with other liquids or soluble solids, thus making it a good base for other drinks.

That is a wildly optimistic list of specifications. But I hope that a laboratory can invent such a product because, after all, nature seems to always leaves us wanting.

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

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ed healthcare assistance is terminated? Isn't there strong resentment of the Supreme Court's decision meaning Congress could change it anytime beginning in 2017?

**Immigration:** If the next agenda is to seek for a 10-year extension why not just email it to Homeland Security and Interior to avoid another shopping spree in Honolulu. Is there a threat to morph from 902 SearsRoebuck Team to "Big 'N Tall'?"

Isn't this the central issue as we deal with USPL 110-229, specifically, the end of the CW program? Why continue showing off your humiliating disconnection with the needs of our people especially the young ones? It's about policymaking that takes their future into full view, isn't it?

Isn't it the right time to begin reducing the public payroll sending people to private industries? If not now, when would this materialize?

**Bankruptcy:** We mouth off about self-government yet we can't keep CUC solvent or keep it afloat, financially. We already have bankrupted the retirement program to the tune of \$779 million in unfunded liability. If the feds uphold the immigration law we can guarantee this government falling flat on its face, financially! There's the obvious consistency in our grand inconsistency, di ba?

**Water Mess:** With more than 60 percent water leakage in the pipe system here, it doesn't make sense trying to pile

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If pushing the point with another quick sailing risks flaring tensions, there is no need to rush back tomorrow. Beijing's been humiliated; let the decision sink in. But China needs to hear the message immediately, from Washington, its ally the Philippines, and the other governments with South China Sea claims that the days of Chinese sand castle-building are over.


The logical strategy for the U.S.: Keep confronting the Chinese, but leave Beijing room to save face and quietly depart its pretend islands.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼79°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

▲89° ▼78°


SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼79°


MONDAY



Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

▲90° ▼79°

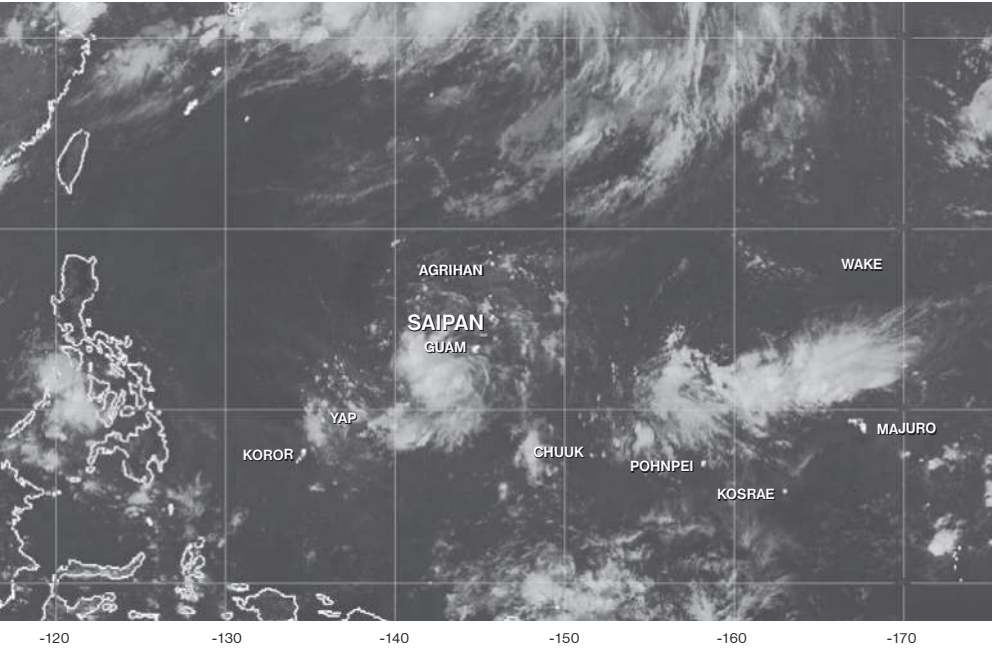
TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered southwest of Guam near 13N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 11N and 14N from 141E to 145E. Low-level convergence to the south of the circulation is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 100 miles of 10N145E. Another weak circulation is centered southeast of Yap near 8N139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of 9N141E and northeast of Koror within 50 miles of a line from 10N135E to 7N137E. An upper-level low northeast of Pohnpei near 13N160E is combining with trade-wind convergence to generate scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 140 miles of a line from 10N155E to 13N168E. A trade-wind trough is triggering scattered showers southeast of Majuro east of a line from 1N169E to 6N176E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 84	▲ 93
Palau	Sunny	▼ 78	▲ 85
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▼ 77	▲ 88
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▼ 77	▲ 86
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▼ 76	▲ 87
Kosrae	Cloudy	▼ 77	▲ 87
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▼ 82	▲ 86

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▼ 53	▲ 56
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▼ 72	▲ 82
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▼ 82	▲ 89
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▼ 74	▲ 83
London	Partly Cloudy	▼ 54	▲ 71
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▼ 70	▲ 79
Paris	Sunny	▼ 51	▲ 72
Pusan	Sunny	▼ 72	▲ 81
Rome	Showers	▼ 64	▲ 73
Salem	Cloudy	▼ 54	▲ 74
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▼ 54	▲ 71
Seoul	Showers	▼ 72	▲ 84
Tokyo	Partly Sunny	▼ 72	▲ 78
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▼ 76	▲ 93



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.78 Feet
10:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
5:37 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.47 Feet
10:25 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:47 PM	1:50 AM
Saturday	3:36 PM	2:34 AM
Sunday	4:27 PM	3:20 AM
Monday	5:18 PM	4:09 AM
Tuesday	6:10 PM	5:00 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM	HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR	HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM				
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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# Japan's Tabippo to promote Saipan, Tinian

Japan Internet travel website Tabippo.net visited Saipan and Tinian from June 29 to July 2, 2016, to shoot a wide array of travel coverage to be featured from July 19 through September this year.

The coverage targets young travellers in their 20s and 30s and is expected to generate \$50,000 worth of ad exposure for the Northern Mariana Islands. Tabippo.net receives 1.5 million page

views each month.

"We're very optimistic about the beginning of a revival of the Japan market through our intensive efforts to revitalize and stabilize arrivals in the coming months," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

While on Saipan the group toured Forbidden Island with Marianas Trekking, Santa Lourdes Shrine, Mt. Ta-

pochao, Bird Island Lookout, Grotto, Suicide Cliff, Japanese Last Command Post, Banzai, and Managaha. They also filmed at I Love Saipan and Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center. On Tinian, the group toured Taga Beach, Tinian Blow Hole, Chulu Beach and historic North Field.

The group lodged at Fiesta Resort & Spa, where they took in the Joyful Dinner Show. **(PR)**

## QUESTIONS

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consumers with \$160 million in debts just to accommodate a suspect consultant whose work projects on Guam merits ocular review. Former Speaker Joe Guerrero nailed the CUC troops on this score. Can't see the illogic of pumping more water into the system that goes downstairs daily due to leaky pipes!

**La Niña:** It is predicted that La Niña would hit Japan in August bringing hot air from the equatorial divide to our neighbor to the north. It's also predicted that the hot air could trigger death from heat stroke when the weird condition hits Tokyo. Should we be concerned? We are in the way when the hot equatorial air is blown up north.

It could also mean an extraordinarily hot weather for these pearly isles. Must prepare and guard for shifts in wind temperature and direction.

**Disconnection:** It takes

courage to tell CUC to disconnect government agencies that fail to pay their utility bills. Disconnection should include both water and power. Let's see employees run into the jungle to commute with nature answering nature's call! About the only agencies that can't have its power disconnected are CHC and PSS.

**Wheels:** Someone raised the red flag of the captain leaving the wheels as the boat heads into a fatal storm ahead. No worries! Raffy's experience was limited to the Senate where he supervised Biktot Hokog. Or was it the reverse? Well, they deserve each other full square.

Not sure that "we the people" deserve either or both. Can't justify dispositions failing a mandate from "we the people." If any of them has any plans running for office up ahead, it's good to establish a routine of running out the front door and never look back at what they would have left behind in ruins.

**Lullaby:** The last time I heard a beautiful lullaby

was when grandma sang it to us more than six decades ago during a rainy, stormy night. But then I heard it again driving through Capital Hill the other day. Disappointing for there was nothing but discordant notes (out of tune) punctuated with the syncopated, "Are You Sleeping?"

Magoo warned, "When Arnold Palacios pushes BSI's permits through agencies then asked, after all permits were approved, if basic infrastructure is sufficient to support it you know he's mastered speaking from both sides of his mouth." Wasn't this the same guy who made money from the lease of public land by leasing it out to a government agency? Hypocrite!

Lia chimed that Sen. Sixto Igisomar, former chairman of the Retirement board, did nothing but run the program into permanent bankruptcy. "And he has the gall to seek re-election this November." Dementia? There's a lot to think about, right? Strange lullaby!

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The ) FCD GU  
Petition To Appoint ) CIVIL ACTION  
General Guardianship For: ) NO. 16-0329

Alexander Louis Ansay ) **NOTICE OF**  
Minor Children, ) **HEARING**

By: )  
Ricardo P. Ansay )  
Petitioner. )  
)  
)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Gavendo.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Alex Matthew S. Gablinez  
P.O. Box 506475  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Telephone No.: 233-6378  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of ) FC CIVIL  
the Petition for ) ACTION NO.  
the Change of ) 16-0331  
Name of: )

Alex Matthew )  
Sadian Gablinez )  
Petitioner )  
Mercita S. Alejandre )

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 4, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Gavendo.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court

/S/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, )  
Plaintiff, ) CIVIL ACTION  
) NO. 15-0086  
vs. )  
FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD, ) **AMENDED**  
Defendant. ) **SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:  
FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justing, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 23rd day of May, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court/ Deputy Clerk



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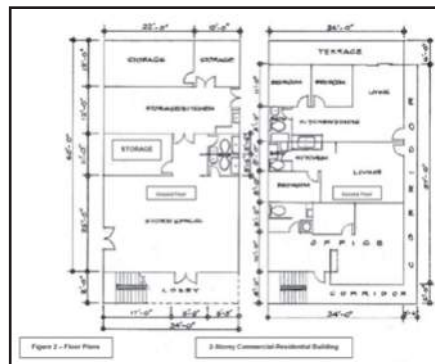
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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEASE

### COMMERCIAL BUILDING

Lot No. 444-1  
SUSUPE, SAIPAN



The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is seeking proposals from individuals or companies to lease Lot 444-1 and its improvements located in Texas Road, Susupe, Saipan. The total land area is 1,856 square meters. The two-storey, semi-concrete framed building situated on the property has a building area of 3,928.50 square feet.

### Terms and Condition of Lease

Property is being leased "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS". All Prospective Lessees are encouraged to visit the property prior to submitting a proposal and are asked to contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager at ext. 306 to schedule an appointment. Prospective Lessee must rely on its own investigation and review of the physical, environmental, economic use, compliance, and legal conditions of the Property.

### Proposal should include the following information:

- Proposed lease amount and term not to exceed fifteen (15) years
- Name, address and telephone number of contact person.

Proposals entitled "PROPOSAL - SUSUPE COMMERCIAL BUILDING" must be received by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2016 and should be addressed to:

Mr. Manuel A. Sablan  
Executive Director  
Commonwealth Development Authority  
P.O. Box 502149  
Saipan, MP 96950

Lease will be awarded to the individual or company with the offer most beneficial to CDA.

The CDA reserves the right: (1) to cancel this Notice at any time for any reason (2) to accept or reject any and all proposals and (3) to request additional information prior to or upon the final selection of a Lessee.



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LEASE

### COMMERCIAL BUILDING CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN



The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is seeking proposals from individuals or companies to lease Lot 014 H 08 and its improvements located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan near the U.S. Post Office. The total land area is 1,638 square meters and has a building area of 5,858 square feet.

### Terms and Condition of Lease

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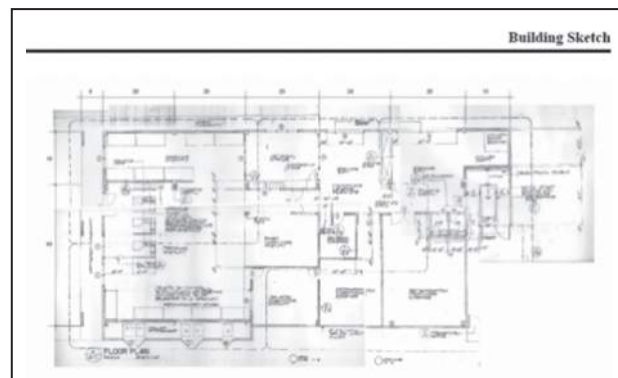
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- Name, address and telephone number of contact person.

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# 'Pinoy' with expired passports need birth certificates'

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Filipinos who have expired Philippine passports are advised to submit original and authenticated copies of birth certificates once they renew. Philippine passports are valid for only five years.

Saipan Filipino-American Lions Club president Annamae Adaza, one of the volunteers of the four-day Philippine Consulate Guam's

mobile consular services at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, said expired passports that need these documents are those issued on or before 2010.

"This include passports that have green covers or are already maroon but still doesn't have machine-readable chips," said Adaza, who added that photocopies or scanned birth certificate are not going to be accepted.

They, however, will accept

applications for renewal in January 2017 since the months of September and November—the next schedule of the Philippine Consulate's visit to the CNMI—have already been filled up. Applications for renewal were also accepted at the TSL Plaza in Garapan.

"Some of those who came here did not bring their original birth certificate but still they must have an appointment. The application now is for January 2017 since Sep-

tember and November for this year had already been filled up," added Adaza.

A total of 321 passports were renewed, four lost passports replaced, 116 were issued passport extensions, 12 report of birth were made, three acknowledgement, two report of marriage, and one given affidavit were completed in the PCG's four-day mobile consular services on Saipan.

Consul Mark Francis Hamoy reminded Filipinos here

that honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago can only accept applications for passport renewals and they have the machine that gets the applicants' biometrics.

Applications for passport renewals that were processed will receive their new copies in 60 days. The consulate will inform the release date of the passports and can be picked up either at Arago's office at the JP Center or at the TSL Plaza, both in Garapan.

Hamoy also said that Arago

could also provide legal advice, civil registration, application for dual citizenship, and double check all requirements needed for passport renewals before sending to the Guam office.

Hamoy led the PCG team that also included Allan Tangayan, Emerita Marquez, and Annabelle Oviedo-Lavarez.

Arago's office thanked IT&E, Shirley Wilson Catering, Gold Ribbon, KFC, Mar Masilungan, the Saipan Lions Club, and all the volunteers of the four-day consular service.



JON PEREZ

A Philippine Consulate of Guam staff accepts payment from Filipinos who are renewing their Philippine passports during the four-day mobile consular services at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

## Muña Barnes hearing Guam medical cannabis legislation

**HAGÁTÑA**—Guam's Medical Cannabis Program is on the final steps toward implementation. Senator Tina Muña Barnes will publicly hear the medical cannabis bills that aim to strengthen the Joaquin "KC" Concepcion II Compassionate Cannabis Use Act of 2013 and incorporate home cultivation into the medical cannabis program.

"I am committed to seeing this program through to implementation and will continue to fight alongside those patients and advocates who demand that patients suffering from debilitating illness be able

to access medicine that they need," stated Muña Barnes.

The public will be able to provide testimony for Bill 343-33 and Bill 344-33 twice on July 20 and July 22.

"We have engaged the public at all levels during this process. They remain committed to providing productive feedback that will guide a sustainable medicinal cannabis program," stated Muña Barnes. "We want to continue their involvement by giving them enough opportunity to speak on the bills."

For more information, please call 472-3455/6. **(PR)**



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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)** is inviting qualified bidders to submit their qualifications and bids for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUTER TERMINALS SIX (6) A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-16.**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of replacement of six (6) air-conditioning units located at the Saipan International and Saipan Commuter Terminals. Procurement includes removal and disposal of existing units scheduled for replacement.

The Project is being funded by Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for installation of all six units shall be **TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages shall be imposed in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** per day if the commissioning of the A/C units is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-26 of the specifications. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Non-Collusive Affidavit" and "Designation of Subcontractors" as contained in the bid documents, with the submission of the Bid.

Bids and contract documents including specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either bid bond from a CPA approved listed surety company, a certified check or a cashier's check in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ ROMAN T. TUDELA  
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: June 20, 2016



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Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, JULY 29, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the renovation of the existing ARFF Building, replacing the main ARFF bay roof, addition of a new observation tower with restroom and miscellaneous repairs all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, **Rota Port Manager's Office** at 10:00 am, July 15, 2016 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOILOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: June 28, 2016



## Mariana Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival this Saturday

The Mariana Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival will take place on Saturday, July 16, at Garapan Fishing Base beginning at 9am until 5pm. The festival is to celebrate the vast ocean environment of the CNMI. The ocean holds a bounty of activities for the people and businesses of the CNMI such as eco-tourism, fine dining, sports fishing, diving, snorkeling, swimming, and much, much more. The Mariana Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival aims to bring understanding to our community the innate health and economic benefits that will be created by having a healthy and ecologically sound ocean environment.

The CNMI enjoys an oceanic resource of 482,000 sq. miles. Our ocean waters are home to the Marianas Trench, which is about 1,580 miles long with an average width of only 43 miles the deepest part of the world's oceans. It reaches a maximum-known depth of 6,831 miles (36,070 ft.) and 36,201 ft. at the Challenger Deep.

Our seafood in the CNMI has been cultivated by our immense, pristine, and temperate ocean waters and the incomparable freshness, comes from the secreted nutrients found only in the depths of the Marianas Trench. Marianas sea-

food is utterly delicious and filled with protein, vitamins and vigorous nutrients found only in the deepest ocean waters. Our fresh fish is an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids, which can lower blood pressure and benefit brain and heart functions.

The Mariana Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival will feature displays from various environmental, health and community organizations with many giveaways. CGC will provide face painting for the kids and Kanoa Resort will supply a bouncing house for the kids. The festival will feature our island chefs in two groups (Professional and amateur) and three categories (Poki, Kaleguen, and Open). The food will be prepared on site and visitors and judges will combine to judge who makes the Best Poki, Kaleguen, or Fish Dish in the CNMI. We have chefs from Tinian joining the competition. Prizes will be cash, trophies, and bragging rights.

A Neni's art contest will be part of the festival and title "Under The Sea" the art work will be on a 8.5 x 11 paper and hand drawn in crayon, pastel or any other medium and will tell your story of what you think life is like for the ocean fishes and creatures that live

under the sea and how we can make it better for them.

Event sponsor will be the Department of Commerce. Event partners are Department of Land and Natural Resources, DLNR-Fish and Wildlife, Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council (WESPAC), Saipan Mayor's Office, and DLNR-Parks and Recreation. Festival sponsors are Best Sunshine International, Ltd., Bridge Capital LLC, CHCC-DPH- BIBA program, DPH-Non-Communicable Disease Bureau, DPS-Boating Safety, DPS-National Highway Safety Administration, Bureau of Environment & Coastal Quality, DCCA-Division of Youth Services, Marianas Visitors Authority, NMC-CREES, Fiesta Resort & Spa, DOC-Alcohol & Tobacco Control, DOC-Small Business Development Center, and Express Financial.

The festival is being brought to you by KKMP radio and *Marianas Variety* and the theme will be "Savor, Experience and Appreciate" (SEA) FOOD.

For more information on the contest, entry forms, displays or sponsorship visit the website [www.marianasfishingfestival.com](http://www.marianasfishingfestival.com) or email [marianasfishfest@gmail.com](mailto:marianasfishfest@gmail.com) or call KKMP at 233-1440/287-8145. (PR)



### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Division of Solid Waste Management under the Department of Public Works would like to inform the general public, particularly commercial refuse haulers, that P.L. 6-30 "Commonwealth Solid Waste Management Act of 1989" as amended by P.L. 11-103 (effective Sept. 9, 1999) and P.L. 13-42 (effective Dec. 19, 2002) governs the collection, disposal and management of solid waste in the CNMI. Furthermore 2 CMC s/s 3514(a) of Chapter 155-30 (Administrative Code) clearly specifies the following:

**2 CMC s/s 3514(a) empowers DPW to collect and dispose of solid waste as provided in the Act, assess fees by regulation for collection and disposal of solid waste and establish rules and regulations to enforce its powers.**

**In addition, P.L. 11-22 "Commonwealth Recycling Act of 1999," an act to establish a program to divert recyclable material from CNMI landfills and for other purpose. Section 2 (Findings and Purpose) paragraph four partially states "This Act will require shared responsibility and cooperation between the Division of Solid Waste Management, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.**

Now, therefore, effective immediately, DPW Division of Solid Waste Management will enforce restrictions of recyclable materials and non-acceptance of prohibited hazardous items to be disposed of at the Marpi Landfill by both residential and commercial users. All recyclable materials and residential hazardous items must be disposed of at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and shall be directed as such. Commercial waste haulers must ensure to inform their clients of this policy prior to providing services. Mandatory load inspections will be conducted. Likewise, commercially generated hazardous materials are not accepted at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and commercial generator(s) must contact the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for further information regarding disposal.

Recyclable and Prohibited Hazardous materials are as follows:

- Corrugated Cardboards/ Office Papers/ Newspapers/ etc.
- Aluminum cans and foils (clean)
- Plastic bottles and containers (clean)
- Glass/Food and beverage containers (clean)
- Scrap Metals
- White Goods (refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, water heaters, etc.)
- Tires
- E-waste (TV, computers, microwave ovens, cell phones, other electronic/battery operated devices, fax, printers, typewriters, etc.)
- Lead Acid and computer back up batteries
- Paints (oil and water base), Paint Thinners, solvents
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Coolants
- Household cleaning supplies (muriatic acid, chlorine bleach, etc.)
- Pesticides

For additional information, inquiries and available private recycling and hazardous handling companies, please call Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz Director of Division of Solid Waste Management at tel. nos. 322-2745 & 322-2760 or fax to 322-2762

Tel No's: (670) 235 - 5827 / 9570 Fax: (670) 235 - 6346



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

### BUDGET AND FINANCE DIRECTOR

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the Chief Justice of the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan. The candidate will provide leadership, guidance, technical expertise and team coordination to support implementation of the CNMI Judiciary's strategic initiatives in the areas of fiscal management, budget analysis, financial reporting, procurement, fiscal control, auditing, grant writing and performs other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate should hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. university in accounting, finance, and/or business administration supplemented by a minimum of three (3) years of progressively responsible accounting, financial, or experience. Leadership experience in public sector financial management, budgeting, and fiscal analysis preferred. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. Salary will be \$42,000 - \$50,000 annually depending on qualification and experience.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at the OPM offices in the CNMI, at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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[michelle.guerrero@justice.gov.mp](mailto:michelle.guerrero@justice.gov.mp)

This job announcement will close on **July 26, 2016**. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at <http://www.justice.gov.mp>.

THE CNMI JUDICIARY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.



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Pursuant to 2 CMC § 3514(a) DPW is empowered to collect and dispose of solid waste as provided in the Act, assess fees by regulation for collection and disposal of solid waste and to establish rules and regulations to enforce its powers.

NMIAC § 155.30.1-110 allows fees to be waived for typhoon waste and for loads in excess of 1 cubic yard generated from traditional cultures, social and religious activities such as rosaries and fiestas.

Without regulations permitting a waiver, DPW has been waiving fees to residential waste in quantities less than 500lbs. per week. This practice will now be discontinued. Effective Saturday, October 01, 2016, DPW Division of Solid Waste Management shall begin assessing all residential vehicle loads disposing of household refuse (waste) at the current municipal and household solid waste base fee rate of \$25.00 per ton. Please take note that Part 001 § 155-30.1-001(k) defines Household Refuse (Waste) as solid waste generated by residents directly as a result of their occupation or maintenance of their households. Household refuse does not include special waste such as white goods, tires or batteries.

Again, it is important that the general public, particularly residential refuse self-haulers, to understand and join our (DPW Division of Solid Waste Management) effort in the never ending struggle to extend the life of our CNMI's only landfill. This can and must be done by exercising the three (3) Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). Everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

For additional information and inquiries, please call Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Division of Solid Waste Management at telephone numbers 322-2745 and 322-2760 or fax to 322-2762.





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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS

Subject:  
Proposed ROTA WEST HARBOR AND TINIAN HARBOR  
MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

To be facilitated by the US Army Corps of Engineers in collaboration with the Commonwealth Ports Authority

**PURPOSE**

To solicit participation and input from all interested parties or individuals on the scope of analysis for the Integrated Feasibility/Environmental Impact Statement (F/EIS). The scoping meetings will be held as follows:

**ROTA**

Regarding the Rota West Harbor Modifications Project

**July 18, 2016**

Rota Roundhouse, Songsong Village  
4:30 pm – Poster Session  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

**TINIAN**

Regarding the Tinian Harbor Modifications Project

**July 19, 2016**

Tinian Courthouse, San Jose Village  
4:30 pm – Poster Session  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

**SAIPAN**

Regarding the Rota West Harbor and Tinian Harbor Modifications Projects

**July 20, 2016**

CPA Saipan Seaport Conference Room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico Village  
4:30 pm – Poster Session  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

For more information, please contact Mr. Milton Yoshimoto, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, Bldg 230, Ft. Shafter, HI 96858, or via email at milton.t.yoshimoto@usace.army.mil.

For media inquiries, please contact POH Public Affairs Office at (808) 835-4004 or via email at CEPOH-PA@usace.army.mil.

# Beautify My Marianas offers youth summer cash



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Eight high school friends cleaned up the roadside in Koblerville from St. Jude Church to the Mobil gas station on Jan. 24, 2015, as part of the "Beautify My Marianas" program administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is encouraging young people to get involved in the tourism industry and make the most of their summer vacation by participating in the MVA's island cleanup program Beautify My Marianas.

The Beautify My Marianas program offers \$100 for each 1-mile cleanup in assigned areas on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to student and other groups.

"With summer out and kids needing things to do, I'd like to see more of our youth participate in the Beautify My Marianas program and earn cash while supporting the tourism industry," said

MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "This is a great opportunity to learn the value of taking care of our natural resources, which benefits both residents and tourists, alike."

For more information or an application for Beautify My Marianas, interested youth may visit the MVA homepage at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com). Applications must first be submitted for approval at least three days prior to the requested cleaning date. Groups will remove trash from both sides of the roadway, and when participants are 17 years and younger, the group must have an adult supervisor for

every five minors. The group must provide their own supplies and materials needed for the cleanup and must properly dispose of garbage collected at the Transfer Station. Each group must provide a written report, photos (before, during, and after) of the activity, a name list of participants, the receipt from the Transfer Station, and an invoice (an invoice template is provided with the application). All documents must be submitted within two weeks after the completion of the activity. Upon signing the application, the group will retain all liability for accidents, injuries, etc. during the cleanup. **(PR)**

## Matua Riders extends kudos to fundraising event supporters

The Matua Riders Motorcycle Club has extended its profound thanks to those who supported its fundraising event held last June 24 at Kanoa Resort Saipan.

"On behalf of the Matua Riders Motorcycle Club, its club officers, members, associates, and family, we would like to express our profound appreciation to all individuals and

businesses, who supported us during our fundraising event," a statement from the club read.

Matua Riders Motorcycle Club said the list of donors/contributors include the following: Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc., Kanoa Resort Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, 670 Rock Steady Shop, IT&E,

and Docomo.

"It is through your trust, generous support, and partnership that we continue to uphold our mission to giving back to our community yearly. Thank you once again for making our fundraiser a successful one. If we missed anyone, we do apologize but know you are very much appreciated," the club added. **(PR)**



JON PEREZ

The Matua Riders took part in last week's 71st CNMI Liberation Day from Quartermaster Road to the Garapan Fishing Base.



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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY B AND H REPAIRS, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-79/83.

One original and four copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of milling of the existing asphalt pavement, application of tack coat, asphalt paving, replacement of taxiway edge lights and pavement markings, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 180 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500.00/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without justification.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Airport Conference Room at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at **10:00 am, Monday, July 25, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-entry the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 6, 2016



# 'Human rights commission must speak out on torture'

**SUVA**—The Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (FHRADC) must work with the police force and the military to address the torture and mistreatment of suspects during marijuana farm raids in the Viti Levu highlands, says Shamima Ali.

Ali, the coordinator of the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre and a former human rights commissioner, has called on FHRADC to make a public statement on the recently released images of tortured suspects taken in 2009.

"The Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission must make a stand on the issue. Whether the photos were taken in 2009 or 2016, it shows the security forces abusing their powers and violating the human rights of suspects who are already disempowered," Ali said.

Ali commended the Police Commissioner Brigadier-General Sitiveni Qiliho and military Chief of Staff Colonel Litea Seruiratu for their assurances the actions of the officers in the photo-

graphs would be investigated despite taking place seven years ago.

"It is hoped that something concrete comes out of these promised investigations and that it is not swept under the carpet like other past allegations of brutality."

The photographs show the suspects bloodied and apparently covered in ash. Another photo shows two men lying face down on the ground with their arms trussed behind their backs and roped

to their legs. Two of the men in the photographs have confirmed they were tortured and scalded with hot water in 2009.

"A clear separation of powers and duties is required between the military and the police," Ali said.

"The two forces have different roles and responsibilities and while the police force has not had a perfect record in the area of detention of suspects, they are the ones empowered by law to deal with

civilians allegedly breaking the law—not soldiers.

"In the most recent operation in the highlands to clear marijuana farms, armed officers from both the military and the police force conducted raids. With the arrests and seizures they carried out, one hopes the suspects were not subjected to similar degrading treatment and torture," Ali said.

Ali said another issue of concern were statements attributed to the Fiji Police

Force's chief of intelligence and investigations Assistant Commissioner of Police, Luke Navela that homes of alleged marijuana cultivators would be destroyed and their household belongings seized because they were supposedly obtained through the proceeds of crime.

"If such a policy were to be implemented, it would mean collective punishment for the women, children and elderly people who also live in the homes

owned by alleged drug cultivators," Ali said.

ACP Navela has since clarified the comments attributed to him and we agree with him that the rule of law should be upheld and the destruction of homes and seizure of property must be carried out only when proven and properly authorised through a court of law, Ali added.

For more information, please contact FWCC Coordinator Shamima Ali on +679 9992875. **(PR)**

## National Freshwater Aquaculture Centre re-opens in Vanuatu

**PORT VILA, Vanuatu**—Vanuatu's newly rehabilitated National Freshwater Aquaculture Centre which was severely damaged by Tropical Cyclone Pam last year, was officially re-opened in Port Vila last Friday, July 8.

The ceremony was attended by Vanuatu's Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Biosecurity, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon Matai Seremaia; Minister for Infrastructure and Public Utility, the Hon Jotham Napat; Director of Fisheries, Kalo Pakoa; Acting Director of the National

Disaster Management Office, Peter Korisa, and the Pacific Community's (SPC) Director of Fisheries Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division, Moses Amos.

Under a grant agreement signed between the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and SPC for cocoa and fisheries rehabilitation in Vanuatu, funding of VUV 35,407,908 was made available to rehabilitate the Vanuatu Fisheries Department's infrastructure, such as government hatcheries, and commu-

nity aquaculture farms damaged by the category five cyclone.

"Since the devastation of cyclone Pam, one of the key priorities for the Vanuatu Government has been food security for the Vanuatu people. Aquaculture, particularly on a small scale for inland freshwater communities, is a primary production sector that can contribute immensely to putting food on the table," Amos said.

"The rehabilitated centre will also serve as the national brood stock centre for freshwater aquaculture species,

such as prawns and tilapia. It provides the opportunity for research in areas such as finding the aquaculture feeds most suitable to Vanuatu conditions," Amos added.

The rehabilitation work to the Department of Fisheries Centre included rebuilding the national freshwater hatchery building which houses fish breeding tanks, office space and a conference room.

Earthen fish and prawn ponds were repaired and expanded from an experimental scale to commercial scale and

large outdoor culture tanks were also installed for breeding and growing fish fingerlings.

The increased capacity of the new facility will also enable the Department of Fisheries to mass produce freshwater tilapia and prawn fingerlings to be distributed to community farmers for grow-out to harvestable size in four months.

Work is still under way for the rehabilitation of the second freshwater hatchery on Santo Island, with support from SPC, and this is expected to cost around VUV 3 million and will be completed in August this year. **(PR)**


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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S


**Marianas Medical Center**  
 is seeking for U.S. qualified workers for the following position:

**(1) Phlebotomist**  
Looking for a full-time or part-time Phlebotomist. High school or GED diploma, Associates degree in science or a health-related field preferred. Certification from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) in Phlebotomy, or relevant certification accepted. Must have at least one (1) year of phlebotomy experience. Must possess good customer service skills, excellent communication skills, proficiency using Microsoft Office and have the ability to multi-task in a fast paced work environment.

**(1) Accounts Receivable Clerk**  
Associate's degree in Accounting with a minimum of two (2) years work experience in accounts receivable, or any combination equivalent to 4 years of accounting related work experience. Proficiency using Microsoft Office applications. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, analytical and problem solving abilities, and the ability to multi-task in a fast paced working environment. Experience working in a similar position within a medical clinic is preferred.

**Position closes at 5:00pm on Friday, July 29, 2016.**  
Applications are available at the Marianas Medical Center. Applications should include a resume and evidence of education degree(s) and professional licenses claimed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Testing may be required for some positions. Marianas Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer.

**Northern Mariana Islands Football Association**  
 Is looking for a  
**HEAD COACH**  
 January to December 2017

Location: Saipan, CNMI.


**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Introduce and demonstrate up to date training methods and playing techniques to players and then plan, organize, and conduct training and practice sessions.
- Scout and observe players from all levels to evaluate players' strengths and weaknesses, to recommend the level at which players can train or players, and to identify and recruit potential athletes.
- Plan and direct physical conditioning programs that will enable athletes to achieve maximum performance.
- Coach, train and prepare national team players for international competitions
- Provide training direction and develop methods to encourage and motivate players for games and competitions.
- Adjust coaching techniques, based on the strengths and weaknesses of athletes.
- Instruct individuals or groups in sports rules, game strategies, and performance principles.
- Keep records of athletes, teams and opposing teams' performance and analyze the strength and weaknesses of opposing teams to develop game strategies.
- Take the lead for developing a multi-year strategic plan for the NMIFA.

**Minimum Qualification:**

- Bachelor's degree in Sports Science, Physical Education or related major plus 5 years minimum experience in the job offered. Resume must reflect the experience required and references will be verified.
- Applicant must be a Class A-Licensed Coach in soccer.
- Must have extensive experience in soccer sports development including development programs of youth, men and women national players.
- Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.
- Must have international coaching experience at the national level.
- Can communicate effectively in English and understanding and speaking other Asian languages is a plus.
- Familiarity with EAFF and AFC run programs and competitions will be highly considered.
- Having a Coaching Instructor Certification will also be highly considered.

Salary will be based on qualification. Please send resume and other documents showing all requirements to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association - 3rd Floor, TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or PMB 338, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax no. 1-670-233-6632 or email to rzapanta@nmifa.com. To be considered, resume must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, Thursday, July 28, 2016.


**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Vice-Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Board Meeting is scheduled on Monday, July 18, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - Call to Order
  - Roll Call
  - Adoption of Agenda
  - Adoption of Minutes - February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
- February 25, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - Properties for Sale
  - Personnel Matters
  - FY 2015 Audit
- OLD BUSINESS**
  - Garapan Annex
  - RD Update
  - Adoption of the Amendments to the Section 8 Admin Plan
- NEW BUSINESS**
  - Loan Assistance
  - NMHC Procurement Regulations
  - Travel Policy
  - Reprogramming Authority
- LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

*(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

/s/ **IGNACIO L. PEREZ**  
Vice-Chairman of the Board



# Bordallo applauds tribunal decision on S. China Sea row

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo Wednesday issued the following statement regarding the International Tribunal’s decision in the case of The Republic of the Philippines vs. the People’s Republic of China. The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), an international tribunal established under the authority of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), to which both China and the Philippines are a party, ruled that China’s “nine-dash line” claims in the South China Sea were invalid. The court ruled unanimously that China has no historical rights to landmasses or territorial waters in the region and noted the severe environmental damage caused by Chinese reclamation activities. The case was brought to the PCA by the Philippines, who claimed that its sovereignty rights had been violated by Chinese island building as well as encroaching aerial and maritime patrols.

“I applaud the thorough and impartial review process by the Permanent Court of Arbitration. This landmark ruling is a triumph for rule of law and validates claims by the Philippines. The U.S. will continue to stand behind our long-time treaty ally. While this doesn’t resolve broader maritime claims disputes in the South China Sea, it is a step forward to establishing a precedent for future dispute resolution. Accordingly, I continue to urge ASEAN to implement the Declaration of the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea and begin to finally resolve maritime disputes in the region.

“China’s lack of participation in the process and outright rejection of the ruling, even before it was made, is particularly concerning. China must be a responsible actor that respects the rule of law, even when decisions are not made in its favor. I hope the Chinese government will ultimately respect the ruling and work cooperatively with all parties to resolve outstanding claims. Peaceful resolution requires a fully inclusive process. Furthermore, the United States’ hesitance to ratify UNCLOS undermines our role in the region, and I again call on the Senate to ratify the agreement so that we can participate fully in the diplomatic processes.” (PR)

## UOG CNAS: Marianas honeybees remain healthy

The University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences is uncovering some very interesting information about honeybee health in the Marianas. Chris Rosario, research associate with the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center at CNAS has been surveying bees on Guam and in the region as part of the Honeybee Health Survey funded by USDA-APHIS.

Rosario has been sampling domestic and feral hives to verify the presence or absence of the parasitic mite Varroa destructor, which uses its piercing-sucking mouthparts to feed on the blood of honeybees and their larva. Beekeepers fear finding the mite in their bee colonies as many bees die or are born with deformities caused by viruses carried by this mite. The Varroa mite spreads the deformed wing virus in bee colonies, which causes wing deformity in honeybees and has a negative impact on their immune systems.

To date, the mites have not been found on Guam, but have been found in some bee colonies from Saipan and Tinian.

Rosario has been sending samples of the Varroa mites he has found on Saipan and Tinian to Dr. Ethel Villalobos at the University of Hawaii. “It is interesting how a region where Varroa mites are found living in bee colonies that neither the bees nor the mites test positive for deformed wing virus,” said Villalobos.

This leads researchers to wonder whether the deformed wing virus is not present in the Mariana Islands or, if the virus is present, whether the honeybees in the region are immune to the virus. “More testing is needed to really understand the ecology of the Varroa mite and bee colonies in the region,” said Rosario.

The good news for Guam is that if the island’s honeybees continue to test negative for the presence of Varroa mites, Guam could be declared free of the mite. “If Guam is in fact confirmed as Varroa free, this could open the door for Guam to supply stateside beekeepers with queen bees certified as free from Varroa mites,” said Rosario. In some states sets of up to 10 queen bees can sell for over \$30.

Rosario would like people to contact him if they know the location of feral bee colonies on Guam or if they have a domestic hive they would like to have tested for the Varroa mite or the presence of deformed wing virus. He is



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University of Guam research associate Chris Rosario inspects a local bee hive.

also happy to talk with people interested in knowing more about beekeeping. For more information on bees and other topics relevant to plants and animals on Guam, please visit <http://cnas-re.uog.edu/bees>. (PR)

### DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Caller Box 10007, Gualo Rai Center, Saipan MP 96950  
TEL. NO. 664-8300 FAX NO. 664-8315

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of July 14, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. PTI Pacific, Inc. dba IT&E Pacifica	6/24/2016 SWm-2016-X-061	Land Clearing for Power Pedestall	As Matuis, Saipan	Wetland & Mangroves	Approved, 6/30/2016*
2. Saipan Globe International, Ltd.	6/24/2016 SSWCHm-2016-X-062	Land Clearing, Archaeological Soil Testing & Data Recovery	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetland, & Coastal Hazards	Approved, 6/27/206*
3. Kok H. Pang dba: Agape	6/27/2016 SSCH-2016-X-063	School Ground Improvements Project	Lower Gualo Rai	Shoreline & Coastal Hazards	Approved, 7/6/2016*
4. Jody R. Jordahl	7/12/2016 SSCH-2016-X-064	Land Clearing	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline & Coastal Hazards	Approved, 7/13/2016*
5. Jack Zhang dba Tai Su International Development	7/12/2016 SCH-2016-X-065	Land Clearing	Chalan Laulau	Coastal Hazards	Approved, 7/13/2016*
6. Saipan Globe International, Ltd.	7/14/2016 SSWCH-2016-X-039, AMENDMENT 2016-1	Additional 3 bores	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetland & Coastal Hazards	Under Review

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Frank M. Rabauliman  
Administrator

Frances A. Castro  
Director

## CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS MEETING

Tuesday, July 19th, 2016, at 10:00 AM  
BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

### AGENDA

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Adoption of Agenda
- d) Adoption of June 1st, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**II. PERMIT APPLICATION - AMENDMENT**

- 1. GRAND MARIANA CASINO & HOTEL RESORT (CRM Permit Application No.SMS-2015-X-029, Amendment 2016-1)
  - a. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and DCRM Director
  - b. Permit Application Determination

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**



# UOG: Beetle grubs found in bags of potting soil



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Coconut rhinoceros beetle larvae are found in a bag of potting soil.

Seeds, insects, earthworms, parasitic worms, mushrooms, and more can be found in soil. It is for this very reason that Guam law prohibits the importation of contaminated soil into the territory, in order to keep out unwanted invasive plants and animals.

University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences Extension and Outreach personnel have received many complaints from clients finding beetle grubs in bags of potting soil purchased at stores on island.

"These complaints prompted us to investigate by visiting the garden center of a local hardware store that imports soil from the U.S. mainland," said Dr. Aubrey Moore, UOG extension entomologist. "We noticed several unopened bags of potting soil with multiple holes in the plastic. After selecting one and opening it we discovered five large coconut rhinoceros beetle

(CRB) grubs. Unfortunately for Guam's coconut trees, this is a really good way to spread rhino beetles around the island."

When unsuspecting gardeners buy potting soil for use in their home gardens they are getting more than they paid for and are helping the invasive

rhino beetles move around the island. Bags of potting soil stored outdoors become easily accessible to pests such as the coconut rhinoceros beetles, which seek out high-density organic material to find a mate and lay their eggs. With the alluring high organic matter content of packaged



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Dr. Zhiqiang Cheng and Dr. Shizu Watanabe from University of Hawaii and Roland Quituqua from University of Guam look for coconut rhinoceros beetle larvae in potting soil at a local garden center.

potting soil, coconut rhinoceros beetles make holes in the thin plastic bags and deposit their eggs.

"Rhino beetle larvae are excellent decomposers, which is why dead standing coconut trees and fallen logs are a hotbed of rhino beetle breeding activity. There is

plenty of food to support development from egg to adult," warned extension agent Roland Quituqua.

A scientific note on these observations will be published in the next issue of the Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society. Storing bags of potting soil indoors

would be one way to help curtail the spread of coconut rhinoceros beetles throughout the island.

For more information on coconut rhinoceros beetles and the work UOG researchers are doing to control this invasive insect, please visit, <http://cnas-re.uog.edu/crb/>. (PR)

## UOG Residence Halls upgraded

This fall, students living in the University of Guam dormitories will enjoy newly renovated rooms and updated common spaces.

Director of Residence Halls, Jonathan Triplett, along with 15 dorm resident assistants and students began making improvements on the rooms—the second floor of Iya-hami Hall and first and second floor of Guma'ta Hall—at the beginning of the summer and expect to have all the upgrades finished for new and current dorm residents for the beginning of the fall semester. The Dorm II first floor renovations are being reno-

vated through one of UOG's capital improvement projects. Both projects combined total \$318,000 in renovations.

"It's a direct message from the university to the students letting them know that we care about them, and we want to do better," Triplett said. "We're going from good to great, and as an institution, we have to offer a better product."

Sophomore Business Administration major and Resident Assistant Aluka Kebou said he has a greater sense of pride knowing he's helping to make these spaces more comfortable for himself and other students. He also said that

when other students saw the work being done, they immediately offered to help.

"When we first started painting the rooms, students were noticing the changes, and now they want to help us complete the renovations," Kebou said. "For me it's motivating. Knowing it's like a second home, when we're doing work that's going to benefit us and the other students, it feels rewarding."

The renovations include painting of each of the rooms, new carpeted floors, new light fixtures, refinished furniture, new desks and dressers, new mattresses and Wi-Fi available in every room and lounge

space. The updated lounge spaces also include new furniture and window treatments.

Instead of looking off-campus for housing, alumni Chance Douglas said having a more comfortable living space on campus made his decision to pursue his graduate studies at UOG easier.

"I'm going to graduate school in the fall, and the plan was to look for apartments with friends," Douglas said. "But now that I have a comfortable space to live, it was more motivation to come back and attend UOG."

Triplett said the collaboration between the students and the university's Plant Management and Facilities department helped this large endeavor

or come to fruition.

"It's been a great collaboration between our facilities department and us," Triplett said. "It makes me really happy that we can do this together because we're doing big things."

The University of Guam has three dormitories with 113 rooms—both single and double occupancy—that collectively hold 203 residents. The air-conditioned rooms offer a single bed, dresser, and desk for each student. There are also shared kitchen and lounge areas available and a nearby basketball court.

For information on applying to live at the University of Guam Dormitories, contact (671) 735-2260/61 or visit [www.uog.edu](http://www.uog.edu). (PR)

### RCUOG regular board meeting on Aug. 5

The regular meeting of the Research Corporation of the University of Guam (RC-UOG) will be held Friday, Aug. 5, 2016 at 2:30pm in Graduate Classroom #262 on the 2nd floor of the Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building. RC-UOG complies with Guam Public Law 24-109 with reference to the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance contact Elaine Faculo-Gogue, UOG EEO Office, Room 106, Iya Hama, at 735-2244 or (TTY) 735-2243. (PR)



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Chance Douglas, a graduate student at UOG staying at the Residence Halls, enjoys his newly renovated dorm room.



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Rooms at University of Guam Residence Halls have recently been renovated.



## Life & Style

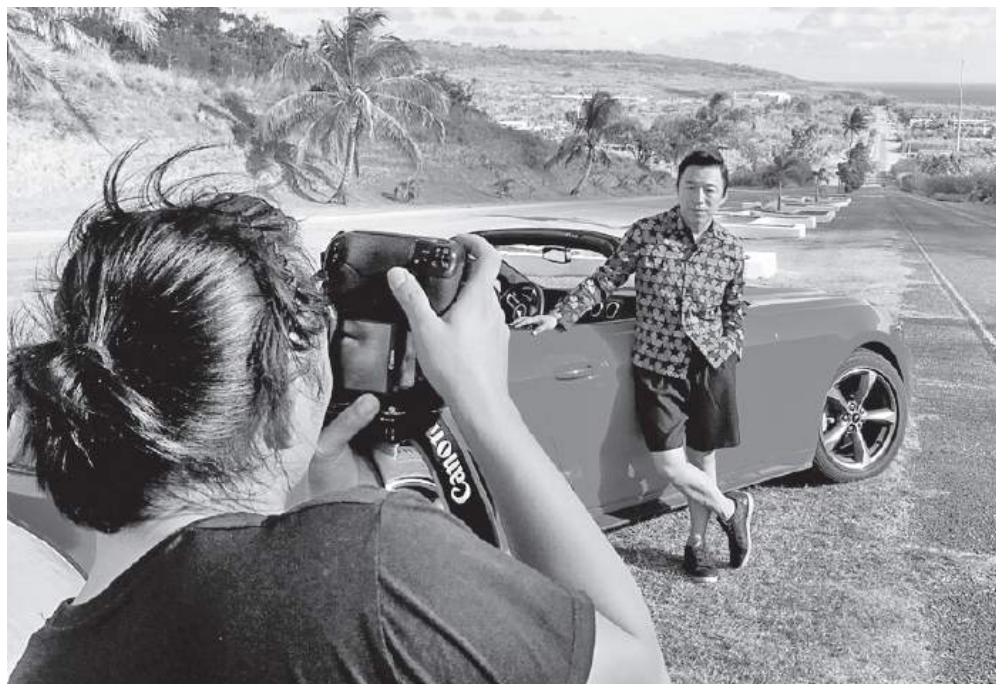
# \$1.8M NMI ad exposure with actor Bo Huang

The Northern Mariana Islands has generated an estimated \$1.8 million in advertising exposure through the recent visit of popular Chinese actor Bo Huang.

The Marianas Visitors Authority's office in China collaborated with *Top Travel* magazine on a photo and video film shoot with Huang in April 2016, featuring iconic attractions on Saipan and Tinian. The FAM tour has resulted in a 12-page feature and cover in the June 2016 issue of *Top Travel*, three WeChat articles, four Weibo posts—including one post by Huang—and a video promotion on four video websites reaching 2.9-million viewers.

Huang is considered one of the top actors in China and the top-grossing domestic film star at the Chinese box office, grossing more than \$900 million. Huang has won several awards for Best Actor in various film festivals, including the Golden Horse Awards, the Tripod Award, China Film Society of Performing Arts Award, Vancouver Chinese Film Festival, and more.

Huang also has over 27 mil-



Celebrity actor Bo Huang has a photo shoot on Tinian for the June 2016 issue of *Top Travel* magazine

lion Weibo followers.

"To maximize our funding, the MVA continues to actively negotiate with celebrities—actors and actresses, music groups, comedians, and more—to bring them to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for photo and film shoots," said MVA managing director Chris-

topher A. Concepcion. "The resulting media coverage, in this case an estimated \$1.8-million, is much more than the MVA could outright buy. It's a strategic and efficient use of our marketing dollars."

The FAM tour was also supported by Century Tours, Impression Tours, Imperial Pacific,

360 Revolving Restaurant, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Let's Go!, Saipan Ocean View Hotel and the Department of Public Lands. The resulting coverage included cuisine, water sports, land sports and self-drive tours, all activities of particular interest for visitors from China. (PR)



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Celebrity actor Bo Huang films on Saipan and Tinian for June 2016 issue of *Top Travel* magazine, along with other photo and film coverage generating an estimated \$1.8 million ad exposure for the Northern Mariana Islands.



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Celebrity actor Bo Huang films at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort in April 2016 for the June 2016 issue of *Top Travel* magazine.



### HK AIRLINES' INAUGURAL FLIGHT

Hong Kong Airlines celebrates its inaugural flight to Saipan with departing customers at Hong Kong International Airport on July 6, 2016. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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Marianas Visitors Authority Accountant Mary Muna, left, and Marketing Specialist Laura Hsiao prepare to welcome passengers on Hong Kong Airlines' inaugural flight to Saipan arriving on July 7, 2016.



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Hong Kong Airlines celebrates its inaugural flight to Saipan with departing customers at Hong Kong International Airport on July 6, 2016. The airline now flies twice weekly flights from Hong Kong to the Northern Mariana Islands with an Airbus A333 aircraft, carrying 292 seats.



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Island "Chamorittas" (young ladies) welcome the flight crew arriving on Hong Kong Airlines' inaugural flight to Saipan on July 7, 2016.



# Visit World Resort's 'famous house'

By JON PEREZ  
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Conversations in Korean slowly grow louder as hungry in-house guests of Saipan World Resort slowly fill up the once empty tables of the newly re-opened Myung Ga restaurant in Susupe.

Myung Ga loosely translates to "famous house" in English.

As the buffet lines get longer, a loud crashing sound was heard twice—in separate occasions—the last one involving a boy not older than 6 years old, who quickly ran frightened toward his mom and the mother trying to calm her scared son.

In both instances, Myung Ga staff were quick to respond, sweeping the broken pieces of plate and food on the floor "Things can get pretty crazy during lunch time. We open at 11:30am but the peak hour is at 12:30pm," said World Resort sales and marketing manager Mike Babauta.

"We're always on our toes during this time because anything can happen. Our staff



A Myung Ga restaurant staff arranges the different vegetables offered at the salad section of the lunch buffet. JON PEREZ

is always ready to assist our guests and know their other concerns," added Babauta.

Food items are also replenished quickly with dining staff informing the kitchen that a particular dish is halfway to being consumed. Restaurant chef Moosub Kim is the man behind the scenes at Myung



Different flavors of Korean punch are made inside traditional clay pots. JON PEREZ

Ga and is supported by six staff composed of two Koreans and four Filipinos.

Kim, who joined World Resort last year, has a long list of hotels and restaurants that he has worked in Korea making him one of the most experienced Korean chefs on Saipan.

"He revamped our menu ever since he arrived here but it changes everyday. He made it better and made sure all are authentic Korean dishes. From the appetizers, salads, main course, desserts, and even the drinks. There are flavored punches made from cinnamon and sweet rice, said Babauta."

Babauta said the continuous flow of hotel guests, and from time to time local clients, is no longer a problem as the newly renovated interior can accommodate up to 208 people. The management revamped the entire facility giving it a fresh new look.



From left, assistant executive chef Roman Neri, food and beverage manager Rogelio Caruana, and sales and marketing manager Mike Babauta. JON PEREZ



One can try rice cakes and other Korean desserts. JON PEREZ

Myung Ga has two VIP rooms, a terrace for a better view of the Wave Jungle water park or the beach and a spacious dining area. It also has an elevator for old and disabled guests.

"The only thing that we did not replace is the staff. We have an awesome staff that we are truly proud of," Babauta said. "We received a lot of positive reviews ever since we reopened. Most are

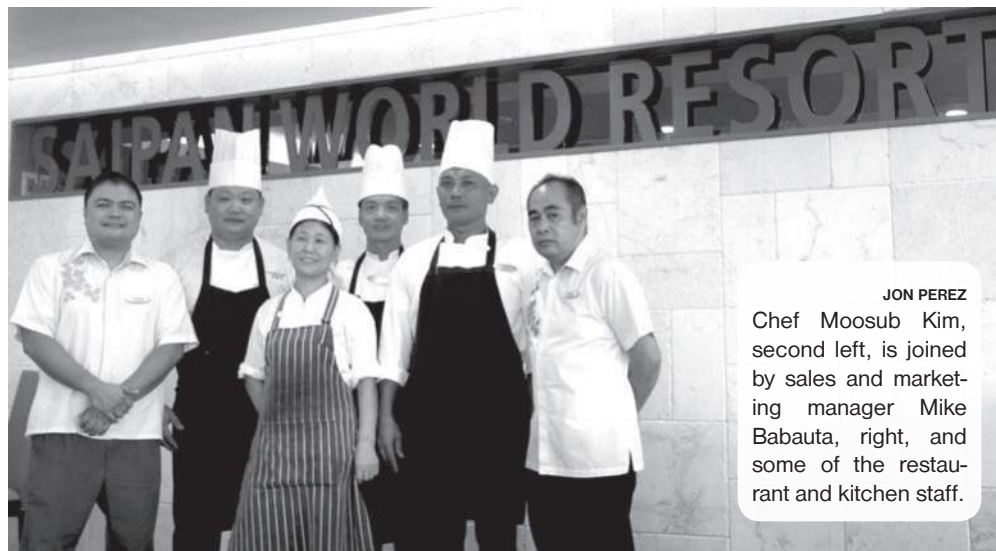
from local clients."

The lunch buffet is everyday and from 11:30am to 2pm and at a local rate of \$22 for adults and \$11 for kids ages 6 to 11 years old. Myung Ga also offers an a la carte dinner and barbecue from 6pm to 9pm.

Their fine dining restaurant Tapochao, where a wine cellar that has a wide selection is located, is also situated in the same facility where a divider has been put in place for a more private experience. "The Tapochao sits about 60 people and is catered to date nights or special occasions like celebrating Valentine's Day and wedding anniversary," said Babauta.

He added that reservations are needed for local clients at Myung Ga as hotel guest easily fill up the restaurant. "There's a slim possibility that we can accommodate walk-ins, but our guests usually eat fast since they have other places to go and sites to see."

For more information and reservations, call 234-5900 extension 333.



Chef Moosub Kim, second left, is joined by sales and marketing manager Mike Babauta, right, and some of the restaurant and kitchen staff. JON PEREZ

## 'Love child' plans approach to half-brother he never met

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Pete," is an only child. His mom, who was married, had an affair with a married man, which resulted in his birth. His mother's husband put his name on the birth certificate, but as a kid, Pete had contact from time to time with his biological father. Both dads have since passed away.

Pete has known for years that his biological father had an older son, but he doesn't know if the son knows he exists. Pete now thinks he may have found his half-brother online and wants to reach out to see if he wants a relationship.

How do we even begin to broach this with the half-brother? Is it worth it? Could it cause more damage than good? If you were my husband or his half-brother, would you want to pursue this?

FAMILY MATTERS IN TEXAS

**DEAR F.M.:** The decision about whether to contact a long-lost relative is a very personal one. For some people, the experience is a happy one, but not for others.

Because your husband and his (possible) half-brother are both adults, I can't see how reaching out would be harmful to the man. A way to do it would be for Pete to send him an email or a letter, explain who his biological father was and ask if there is any interest in further contact.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I divorced 10 years ago.

There were no children involved. After the divorce, we would occasionally get together for a meal. It was during those times that we managed to work through our issues and move forward with our separate lives.

Since then, we have remained in contact occasionally to say happy birthday or update the other on work. We are also friends on Facebook, but our contact does not involve discussion of love interests, family, etc.

Eight years ago, I met a wonderful man who accepts me for who I am. He also understands and supports the type of contact I have with my ex. My beau and I have finally decided to take the plunge and be married. What is the etiquette for letting my ex-husband know that I am remarrying? I know there will be photos posted to Facebook by friends in common.

SECOND TIME AROUND IN UTAH

**DEAR SECOND:** Convey that information personally. Because you are on speaking terms, call him and share the happy news. I think he will appreciate hearing it straight from you, just as you would if the situation were reversed.

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**DEAR ABBY:** There's an ongoing debate among my group of friends about using the word "texted." When I used it, I was corrected, chastised and told that it is NOT a word. Five years ago, when my daughter was a teenager, I started

## DEAR ABBY

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hearing it used frequently.

I realize that "text" is not a verb, however, times have certainly changed, and many new words and expressions have been added to our vocabulary. Would it only be correct to say, "I sent a text"? Please settle this for us.

BUSTED BY THE GRAMMAR POLICE

**DEAR BUSTED:** The English language is constantly evolving, and with the rapid advances in technology, words are added to the lexicon every year. According to Dictionary.com, "texted" is, indeed, a word and you have been using it correctly. However, because a picture is worth a thousand words, rather than tell your friends you got the information from me, consider sending them a descriptive emoji from the both of us.



Pastimes

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By Bill Waterson



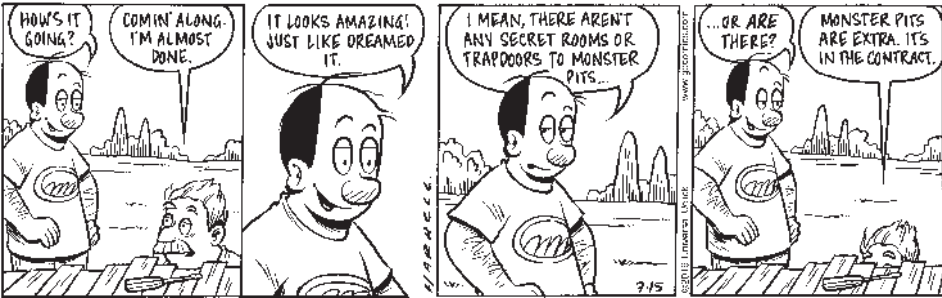
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Yesterday's answer 7-15

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep busy. Take on a mental or physical challenge, and put your energy into something constructive. Don't share personal information with others. Listen, observe and use what you see and hear to your advantage. Romance is encouraged. \*\*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let someone make demands on you or your time. It's OK to offer help, but not if it means you will fall short of your own expectations. Be realistic and make it clear what you will and won't do. \*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Check out online job postings and you are bound to see something that interests you. Whether or not you are looking for another position, something you see will spark your interest and help you make positive changes. \*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't limit what you can accomplish because someone makes a fuss. Business trips, courses or a conference will help you make wise choices about the way you live and what you do. Don't feel obligated to stick to a normal routine. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll thrive on the unexpected changes that come your way. Your enthusiasm will help you master whatever is expected of you. A connection with someone special will give you the incentive you need to excel. \*\*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your money and possessions in a safe place. Someone will take advantage of you by playing on your emotions. Make your positions clear and don't give in to pressure or ultimatums. Stick close to home. \*\*\*

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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# Brady's 'Deflategate' appeal rejected by federal court



NEW YORK

(AP)—Quarterback Tom Brady's last best chance to avoid serving a four-game "Deflategate" suspension to start the new season was flatly rejected Wednesday by an appeals court.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan issued a one-sentence rejection of requests by the National Football League Players Association and Tom Brady to reconsider an April decision that reinstated the suspension.

"We are disappointed," the players association said in a statement. "The track record of this league office when it comes to matters of player discipline is bad for our business and bad for our game. We have a broken system that must be fixed."

It added that it will review its options carefully.

The NFL declined comment.

The court's action left intact a 2-to-1 ruling by a three-judge panel that found NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell acted within his powers by upholding the suspension of the star quarterback for his role in a scheme to doctor footballs used in a January 2015 playoff game.

The decision affirmed wide-ranging powers given to the commissioner by the NFL's collective bargaining agreement. It was a setback for organized labor groups arguing for due process in employee discipline.

The players association and Brady had requested that the



panel reconsider or that all the 2nd Circuit judges hear arguments and decide anew.

Brady's remaining hope is to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"That is an extremely long shot," said Nellie Drew, a sports law professor at the University at Buffalo. She said the 2nd Circuit acted cor-

rectly and that any changes to how the NFL handles arbitrations over player issues will have to be handled at the negotiating table.

She predicted Patriots backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo "will be getting a whole lot of repetitions" as the Patriots prepare for their season opener Sept. 11 at Arizona.

"It's time to put this thing to bed," Drew said. "If it was my kid, I'd say: 'Let it go.'"

Lawyers and other representatives for the Patriots and Brady did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

If he misses four games, Brady will lose just under \$250,000 in salary after renegotiating his contract in the

offseason to earn only \$1 million this season.

Anthony Barkow, a lawyer who submitted an amicus brief on behalf of Kenneth R. Feinberg, the special master of the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund and a longtime arbitrator, said: "We wish the result were otherwise, but respect and understand the decision and know that it is extremely rare for the 2nd Circuit to grant en banc review."

What began as an accusation of cheating in the 2015 AFC championship game has grown into a multimillion-dollar legal battle over three NFL seasons, involving not just an MVP quarterback but also some of the nation's elite lawyers and scientists.

And as it developed, it evolved from a silly little dispute about the air pressure in footballs into a referendum on the powers of a sport's commissioner and the right of all unionized employees to due process in a disciplinary hearing.

Joining the case along the way were longtime league adversary Jeffrey Kessler and former U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson, who was involved in the Bush v. Gore lawsuit that settled the 2000 presidential election and the case that overturned California's ban on same-sex marriages.

At stake for the Patriots was not only the availability of their quarterback for a quarter of the season, but their legacy as an NFL dynasty. Already

In this Jan. 6, 2016 file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady faces reporters before a scheduled NFL football practice in Foxborough, Mass. On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, a federal appeals court has rejected Tom Brady's attempt to get a new hearing on his suspension.

punished by Goodell for an illegal videotaping scheme in 2007 that predictably came to be known as "SpyGate," the Patriots saw the suspension as an attack on their legitimacy after Brady and coach Bill Belichick led them to four Super Bowl championships.

Suspicious that the Patriots were cheating arose again on Jan. 18, 2015 when the league tested—somewhat unscientifically it would belatedly learn—the footballs provided by the home team for the AFC title game against the Indianapolis Colts and found them to be underinflated.

After three months, league investigator Ted Wells concluded the Patriots intentionally used underinflated footballs in the game and that Brady was "at least generally aware" of the scheme. The NFL suspended the four-time Super Bowl champion quarterback four games and docked the team \$1 million and two draft picks.

Brady appealed - first within the league, and Goodell affirmed the decision. After both sides went to federal court, U.S. District Judge Richard Berman overturned the suspension. The league appealed to the 2nd Circuit, and the court reinstated the original penalty.

That left Brady hoping for a new hearing in front of the complete circuit—called "en banc"—or an even more unlikely hearing at the Supreme Court.

"That's always an option to litigants," Olson said after joining the case. "It is not something we have resolved ourselves to doing."

New England fans rallied behind their quarterback, putting "Free Brady" on T-shirts, reciting the Ideal Gas Law from memory and giving a hero's welcome not only to the quarterback when he took the field for the 2015 regular season opener but also to Kessler and Berman.

In other NFL cities, fans were just as convinced that the Patriots and Belichick were up to no good. Added to the videotaping penalty—along with Belichick's tendency to stretch the rules to their limits, or occasionally beyond—it was seen as confirmation that the team can't win without cheating.

The court's decision is unlikely to change minds on either side.

## Duncan breaks silence: 'When it's not fun anymore, I'm done'



SAN ANTONIO

(AP)—When Tim Duncan decided to reflect on his outstanding 19-year NBA career, the understated star did it in the most Timmy way possible: seated at a table with a friend from the islands.

Two days after the San Antonio Spurs announced his retirement, Duncan told longtime friend Rashidi Clenace that he simply "started not enjoying myself as much. It wasn't fun as much. When it's not fun anymore, I'm done."

When the decision was made public, Duncan was hailed as perhaps the greatest power forward the league has ever seen, a five-time champion and unparalleled teammate whose selflessness and determination served as the backbone for the most enduring success story in American sports over the last two decades.

Duncan tried to avoid

much of the praise, watching former teammate Bruce Bowen's tribute on ESPN and coach Gregg Popovich's emotional news conference on Tuesday.

"I about lost it on that one," Duncan said during the interview streamed online by ViVid Streaming.

"I didn't expect the response that I got," Duncan said. "No, I didn't. That's the way I'm built. I knew that I didn't want to sit there and watch what was being said. It's appreciated, but I just didn't want to watch it."

Duncan looked relaxed while doing the interview, seated at the table with a green T-shirt with a picture of Manu Ginobili and himself blocking out. He said there were no immediate plans for the next phase of his life, which is just the way he wants it.

"That's the beauty of it. There is no script," Duncan said. "For the first time in 20-something years, I don't have a script. I don't

have somewhere I have to be and something I have to do. So, I get to go out and enjoy my kids even more. Outside of that, I get to do a little living."

Duncan has two children—son Draven and daughter Sydney—and for several years has had a side business in San Antonio customizing automobiles.

"I don't know that they were happy or sad," Duncan said of his children. "I think they're OK with the fact that I'm going to be around more and they don't have to compete with the schedule or anything else. So, I think they're happy about it but they're sad that they won't be able to go to the games and see me play. It's mixed."

Duncan downplayed the significance of his career several times during the interview, consistent with his humble demeanor ever since he was the No. 1 overall pick out of Wake Forest in 1997. He said he never

pays attention to comparisons between himself and other all-time greats.

"I don't really care where the rankings go," he said. "I'm in the conversation. I'm OK with that. That's above and beyond anything I ever thought I'd ever be. That in itself is an honor."

Duncan also penned a letter to Spurs fans that was posted on the team's website and said he was taken aback by all of the fawning over the last three days.

"Luckily I'm not dying," he cracked. "I'm just moving to another chapter."

He grew emotional as the interview came to a close.

"It's been fun," Duncan said, pausing to compose himself. "The next chapter will be fun, too. I really enjoyed the ride. I really enjoyed the cheers and the laughs and the highlights and the lowlights, everything that comes with that package. ... No better way to put it than, 'Thank you.'"



# Trade deadline nears, Cubs to get tougher tests



## SAN DIEGO

(AP)—It's the final day of the All-Star break, and the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline is approaching. Contenders needing a closer are sure to be asking the Yankees about left-hander Aroldis Chapman. San Diego's Drew Pomeranz or Tampa Bay's Jake Odorizzi could wind up in new rota-

tions. Colorado outfielder Carlos Gonzalez and Milwaukee catcher Jonathan Lucroy are among the top bats that could move, as well.

All eyes will be on Joe Maddon and his Cubs as they chase their first World Series crown since 1908. They're in prime position so far—Jake Arrieta, Bryant and Co. hold the biggest lead at the break,

## No wind, abundant birdies at opening of 145th British Open

### TROON, Scotland (AP)—

On the Royal Troon links where his father once served as the club secretary, Colin Montgomerie got the British Open started on Thursday morning by hitting the opening tee shot.

Montgomerie, widely considered the best player to have never won a major, qualified at age 53 for what likely will be his last Open, and certainly his last at Royal Troon. The R&A chose him to be the first player to hit a shot on a gorgeous morning along the Irish Sea.

Twenty minutes before he teed off, there wasn't an empty seat in the grandstand next to the first tee, where the silver claret jug was on a podium. Five dogs were on the beach, running along the shores amid tall shadows cast by the rising sun.

Montgomerie was the last player to arrive, and the crowd saved the loudest cheer for him.

It was a glorious start—for one shot, anyway.

Montgomerie's approach to the gentle opening hole

plugged into a pot bunker short of the green. He didn't get out, and had to play the next shot backward away from the green, leading to double bogey.

Luke Donald and Marc Leishman both made birdie.

It was Montgomerie who once famously said about the start at Royal Troon that if a player is not under par at the turn, he might as well walk over to the clubhouse at

adjacent Prestwick and have lunch.

Royal Troon is a tale of two nines. The shorter, outward nine is a par 36 with the wind typically at the back. The inward nine is much longer and plays to a par 35, into the wind.

For the start of the 145th Open, there was no wind at all. Conditions were perfect, especially with a lush course brought on by recent rain.

Among those playing early were three of the "Fab Four"—Jason Day, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy. U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson was to play in the afternoon.



Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Eric Fryer tags out Chicago Cubs' Javier Baez who was attempting to score on a single to right field by Cubs' Albert Almora Jr. during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, July 10, 2016.

up seven games over St. Louis in the NL Central.

The Cubs have never won a title while at Wrigley Field. All those past failures? "That's something we don't really discuss very often," Arrieta said.

Only one division race closer than five games: The AL East, with Baltimore up two on Boston and Toronto. Ortiz got a lot of love this week, but what Big Papi really wants is one more swing in the post-season. The Red Sox begin the second half Friday night in the steamy Bronx.

Quite a scramble is shaping up for wild-card spots—18 teams are within five games of the slots. World Series MVP Salvador Perez, All-Star Game MVP Eric Hosmer and

the defending champ Royals are hovering at 45-43.

The Rangers rotation will get a boost shortly after the break when right-hander Yu Darvish returns from the disabled list to start Saturday against the Cubs. Darvish missed the beginning of the season following Tommy John surgery and only made three starts before going back on the DL on June 9 with shoulder discomfort. The Japanese ace made two recent rehab starts with Double-A Frisco during his most recent DL stint, allowing five earned runs in seven innings.

Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke and Craig Kimbrel come out of the break on the disabled list, as do Felix Her-

andez, Michael Brantley and several Texas pitchers.

How fast the likes of Jordan Zimmermann, Wade Davis, Matt Carpenter and others can effectively come back might determine how far their teams go.

The defending NL champion Mets had already lost captain David Wright and former ace Matt Harvey for the season and power-hitting Lucas Duda for a long time when slugger Yoenis Cespedes and hard-throwing Noah Syndergaard recently got hurt in the same game.

"I don't want it to sound like woe is me," Mets manager Terry Collins said, "but woe is us."

Anthony Gose has tumbled from the majors all the way

to Double-A this season following a demotion Wednesday. The Tigers outfielder was sent to Erie after he was in an altercation with Triple-A Toledo manager Lloyd McClendon during a game over the weekend. Gose has hit .209 in 30 games with the Tigers and .185 in 50 games with the Mud Hens this season. "After collectively evaluating the situation in Toledo, we spoke with Anthony and emphasized our organization's expectations of him," Tigers general manager Al Avila said in a statement. "Most importantly, Anthony's transfer to Erie is a move to give him a fresh start to his overall performance as he works his way back to Detroit."



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# Portugal rises to No. 6 in FIFA rankings, Argentina leads

**ZURICH** (AP)—European champion Portugal has risen two places to No. 6 in the FIFA rankings, and Copa America winner Chile stays fifth.

Argentina is still No. 1 despite losing to Chile in the final for the second straight year.

Belgium remains second after losing to Wales in the European Championship quarterfinals. Wales climbed 15 places to 11th.

Colombia at No. 3 and Germany at No. 4 are in an unchanged top five, while Euro 2016 runner-up France is seventh, up 10 places. Iceland is at best-ever 22nd, up 12.

Mexico leads CONCACAF nations at No. 14, and Copa America semifinalist United



States has risen six to 25th. Algeria is Africa's best at No. 32; No. 39 Iran leads Asia; and Oceania champion New

Zealand has risen 54 places to No. 93.

Meanwhile, in England, Sunderland manager Sam

AP  
France's Paul Pogba, left, jumps for the ball with Portugal goalkeeper Rui Patricio, center, during the Euro 2016 final soccer match at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, north of Paris, Sunday, July 10, 2016.

requested to talk to the FA about replacing Roy Hodgson, Sunderland said Wednesday. He is the favorite with British bookmakers to take over as England coach.

"We want him to remain as manager of our football club," Sunderland said in a statement.

Allardyce joined Sunderland in October and helped the team stay in the Premier League. He has 25 years of experience in management, including spells in the Premier

League with Bolton, Newcastle, Blackburn and West Ham, and has a reputation for improving struggling teams.

"Sam is very much key to our plans," Sunderland said. "After what was an extremely challenging season, we are keen to see a period of stability, both on and off the field."

"The ongoing speculation over Sam's position is extremely damaging to Sunderland, particularly at this crucial time of the season and we urge the FA to respect the disruption that this process

is causing and bring about a swift resolution to the matter."

The Premier League season starts on Aug. 13.

Allardyce was on tour with Sunderland in Austria until he returned home this week.



## IT&E donates 5K to 21st Annual Tournament of Champions

Organizers for the highly anticipated 2016 Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament received \$5,000 from IT&E as part of the company's efforts to support community activities that help promote the CNMI as a prime tourist destination.

"IT&E has been a long-time supporter of the Tournament of Champions Golf Tournament," said IT&E chief operating officer John M. Compton. "We have been impressed by the increasing popularity of the tournament and the positive impact it has made in the community for the past 20 years."

The 21st Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses on Aug. 6 and 7. The TOC tournament fee is \$200.00.

"IT&E's donation of cash and exciting prizes help us to build up even more excitement for the Tournament of Champions," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We are extremely thankful for the company's continued support of the event."

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500 cash, while \$400, \$300, a Go-Pro Hero Camera, and \$100 DFS gift certificate will go to the second to fifth finishers.



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Members of the planning committee for the 2016 Tournament of Champions pose with IT&E representatives and the \$5,000 check the telecommunication company donated. The Tournament of Champions will be held on Aug. 6 and 7 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 will go to the second placer, and \$300 to the third. The Top 3 winners in the Ladies Low Net will receive trophies.

Hundreds of thousands worth of prizes are up for grabs in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes, such as a brand new 2016 Toyota Highlander donated by Atkins Kroll Toyota. Pacifica Insurance is also sponsoring a \$10,000 cash prize, while Laolao Golf and Resort is offering one-year of free golf certificate as another hole-in-one prize.

Since its inception, TOC has given over \$700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone direct-

ly to improvements like the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palms Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530 or Nicole Babauta at 235-2553. For player information and to download the registration form, visit [www.tocsaipan.com](http://www.tocsaipan.com). (TOC)



## SAPONG

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"Off-island competitions are always exciting for me, especially when it's with athletes closer to my age group. I learn from each event I take part in and I hope to utilize the experience I will gain from the upcoming competition to further my accomplishments in athletics," Sapong said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

bune yesterday.

"My goal for this competition is to improve my personal best (100m) that I recently set in Pohnpei," the 18-year-old athlete added.

Sapong anchored the CNMI's seven gold, four silver, and three bronze-medal haul in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championship in Pohnpei last month. The Marianas High School student collected two gold medals,

one silver, and two bronzes in the regional tournament. She topped the 100m and 200m races, clocking a personal best time in the former after posing 13.35 seconds. The younger daughter of Robin and Penny then submitted a field best 27.87 seconds in the 200m, was runner-up in the 400m (1:08.80), and helped the CNMI finish third in the 4x100m and 4x400m relay races.

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*De Familia* taking the grand prize, *Cabo Express* moved up to first place in the billfish category. The Heinz Hofschneider-skippered boat landed a 117.50-lb marlin last Sunday to place second overall behind *Padre De Familia*. Joining *Cabo Express* in the Top 3 in the bill fish division were *Rosemary*

(110.65lbs) of captain Tom Aguon and Jun Azarcon's *K Fisher* (109lbs).

In the yellowfin category, *My Lady Gora's* 51.20lbs landed at first place, while *Don Pedro* (50.95lbs) and *Fiona* (50.30lbs) placed second and third, respectively.

In the wahoo division, captains Bob and George Taguchi of *Marlin Chasers* prevailed over *Luka Ben* and *Team Q*. The Taguchis

caught a 31.10-lb wahoo to beat the 28.10lbs and 26.90lbs of *Luka Ben* and *Team Q*.

In the mahi field, *Sweet Candy's* 19.40lbs won over the 3.45lbs of *Flame of Love* and 2.85lbs of *Relax*. In the skipjack category, there was a close fight for first place with *Carmelita II's* 14.30lbs edging the 14.15lbs of *My Lady Gora*. San Juan 1's 12.50lbs rounded out the Top 3.

## KANOA

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stretch, while Catungal added 4. John Jugos also helped Shirley's cause as he knocked in 9 straight points early in the second half and drilled all his 12 markers in the final 20 minutes of play.

The second half started with Mambas hanging on to a 24-23 advantage behind the pair of free throws from Dennis Chan. Mambas eventually lost the shaky lead, as Jugos began to hit his outside shots and Bordon and Catungal delivered the finishing blows to hand Shirley's its third victory.

In the second game, Kanoa had the win in the bag as early as the first half when it built a commanding 48-15 lead.

Kanoa drew points from every player it fielded in the game to pound the hapless Lower Base. Douglas Schmidt

paced the league leader with his 12 points, while six of his teammates contributed at least 7 points each. William Benavente paced Lower Base with his 17 markers.

In the third match, Fiesta also established a big lead in the first half en route to the double-digit winning margin against POI.

The defending champion was up by 14 at the break, 32-18, after Arjay Nonato heated up early, nailing 12 of his 14 points in the first half.

Jarrett Matsutaro picked up where Nonato left off, logging 14 of his 16 markers in the second half to lift Fiesta to its fourth victory.

### First Game

**Shirley's 48** — Jugos 12, Pollisco 12, Bordon 10, Catungal 8, Palma 4, Drilon 2.

**Mambas 44** — De La Torre 15, J. Ong 9, Raho 8,

Pagarao 7, Chan 3, D. Angeles 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 24-23, 48-44.

### Second Game

**Kanoa 79** — Schmidt 12, Sacramento 12, Agulto 10, M. Duenas 9, Arroz 9, Usi 8, Pablo 7, E. Duenas 4, Bustillo 2, Villagomez 2.

**Lower Base 47** — W. Benavente 17, Bazinero 7, Jinang 5, Sablan 4, J. Benavente 3, Alegre 3, Echavez 3, Camu 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 48-15, 79-47.

### Third Game

**Fiesta 69** — Matsutaro 16, Nonato 14, Maratita 9, Esdrelon 9, Macoto 8, Villamena 6, Vivero 4, Quizon 1,

**POI 59** — Santos 17, Arago 15, Ramos 9, Yu 6, Tenepere 4, Ciano 4, Villaluna 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 32-18, 69-59.

their continued support and encouragement," the CNMI sprinter said.

Meanwhile, the 2016 edition of the World U20 is the second biggest in terms of participation, as 1,518 athletes from 160 IAAF-member countries are competing in the five-day event. The number of athletes participating in next week's tournament is behind the 1,566 recorded in 2012 when Barcelona hosted the

quadrennial event.

Rachel Abrams represented the Commonwealth in the youth tournament in Barcelona and also raced in the 100m sprint, submitting a personal best time of 13.05 seconds. She surpassed the 13.01 seconds she posted in the finals of the U20 100m race in the Oceania Regional Championships held the same year at the Barlow Park in Cairns, Australia.



# Pacific Xtreme Combat 54

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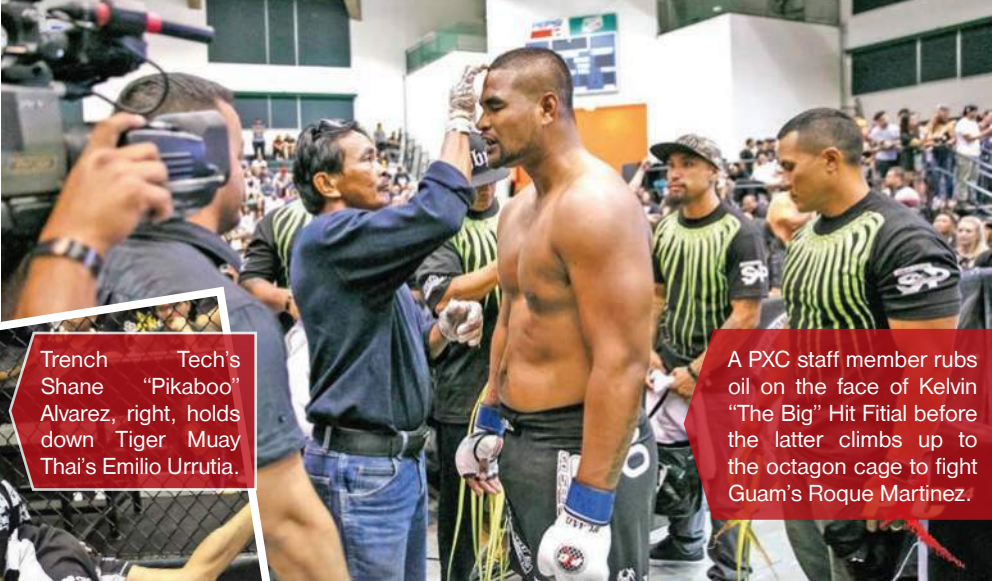
Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez hits Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia on the face during their bantamweight bout in last Friday's PXC 54 at the University of Guam Calvo Field House.



Trench Tech's Frank "The Crank" Camacho listens as the referee gives instructions before his welterweight fight against Korean Han Seul Kim.



Trench Tech's Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, ducks, to avoid a kick from Han Seul Kim.



A PXC staff member rubs oil on the face of Kelvin "The Big" Hit Fital before the latter climbs up to the octagon cage to fight Guam's Roque Martinez.



Kelvin "The Big" Hit Fital, right, reaches in to hit a bloodied Roque Martinez.



Kelvin "The Big" Hit Fital, left, prepares to attack Roque Martinez.



Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, left, and Tiger Muay Thai's Emilio Urrutia, third left, listen to the referee's instructions.



Trench Tech's Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, and Korean Han Seul Kim wait for each other's move.





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# Sapong off to world champs



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The CNMI's Zarinae Sapong, left, lines up at the starting line for the 100m qualifying heat during the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championship in Cali, Colombia. She will leave Saipan for Poland this Saturday to compete in the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships.

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REPORTER

CNMI sprinter Zarinae Sapong is competing in the world stage anew as she heads to Poland tomorrow to race in the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships.

Sapong, who represented the Commonwealth in the 2016 World Indoor Championships and ran the 60m sprint at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland in March this year, will be participating in the qualifying heat for the 100m event in the IAAF World U20. The competition in Poland is formerly



known as the World Juniors and will take place from July 19 to 24 at the Zawisza Stadium in Bydgoszcz.

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## Kanoa keeps streak; Shirley's repeats vs Mambas



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Kanoa Resort retained its unblemished record following a 79-47 win over Lower Base, while Shirley's made it two in a row versus Mambas, 48-44, as the regular season games in the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League continued last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



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Mambas' Denmark Angeles, second left, and Ferdie De La Torre, 17, battle a Shirley's player, partly hidden, for the rebound, while two more Shirley's players look on during the second half of their first meeting in the Tan Holdings caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kanoa now has a 6-0 record to keep the top spot in the six-team field, while Lower Base fell to a 1-5 record and joined Pacific Oriental, Inc. at the bottom of the standings. Shirley's improved its record to 3-3 for third place behind Fiesta (4-2), which defeated POI, 69-59, in the third game last weekend. Mambas is its solo fourth spot with its 2-4 mark.

Shirley's won easily over Mambas in the first round, 55-36, but labored for the victory in their second meeting.

Isaiah Bordon and Angel Catungal teamed up for Shirley's last 10 points to lift their team to the close win. Bordon had 6 markers in the home

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## Padre De Familia, Keilani Ko get first win

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*Padre De Familia* and *Keilani Ko* recorded their first major victories in the annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament as they won the grand prize and total weight categories, respectively, in the 32nd edition of the Saipan Fishermen Association-organized competition held over the weekend.



*Padre De Familia's* 137.40-lb marlin caught last Saturday was unbeaten as the tournament wrapped up last Sunday, giving the Calistro Reyes-captained boat its first grand prize in the annual event. Last year, *Padre De Familia* came up empty in all categories, while in 2014, it only finished third in the skipjack division. The boat's previ-

ous first place finish came in 2006 when Reyes and his crewmembers topped the wahoo category.

For their feat, Calistro and his anglers James and Abraham Reyes received the perpetual and grand prize trophies during the event's awards banquet last Monday at The Magellan of Pacific Islands Club.

*Keilani Ko* also went home with a trophy and other prizes after its catch in the two-day event totaled 128.97lbs. Included on *Keilani Ko's* catch was a 102.20-lb marlin it turned in on Day 1 of the competition. *Keilani Ko* is captained by Frank Reyes, while Brian Reyes, Frank Mizutani, and Dwayne Muna are the anglers.

Meanwhile, with *Padre*

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*Keilani Ko* anglers pose with their 102.20-lb marlin caught last Saturday during the 32nd Saipan International Fishing Tournament.